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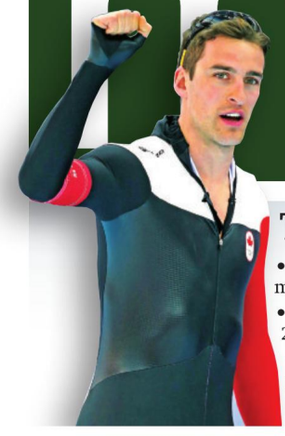

## THREE TO WATCH IN SOCHI

- **8:30 a.m.** Brad Jacobs' rink faces Great Britain in the finals and could make it a gold-medal sweep for Canada in curling.
- **12 p.m.** Canada and the U.S face off in semifinals in a pseudo rematch of the 2010 gold-medal game.
- **8:30 a.m.** On the long track, Canada's men and women race for the podium in the team pursuit. The men, led by double Sochi medallist Denny Morrison, are the reigning gold medallists from Vancouver.

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## You're up first, Kanata

Canada Post announces that the Ottawa suburb will be the first to lose door-to-door delivery PAGE 3

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**Team Canada celebrates after scoring the winning goal in overtime to defeat the U.S. 3-2 at the Olympics Thursday. See story on page 26.** MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Crazy like a fox owner

On Day 3 of our exotic pets feature, Metro looks at buying and caring for your unusual animal friend PAGES 12 & 13

## Gigantasaurous of a skull discovered

Researchers in Alberta say it may very well be the biggest of its kind PAGE 6

## Don't just stand there, Bust a Move

Dancing with the Stars' Derek Hough to bring some smooth moves to charity challenge PAGE 4

# Overhaul coming to strained daycare system

**The Plan.** New subsidy waiting list to go online in September: City

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Unchanged since it was introduced in the 1980s, Ottawa's child care system is out of date. It's critically short of child care services, and demand for those services is dramatically on the rise, but help is on the way.

On Thursday, a panel representing some 300 child care agencies presented the 2014 Child Care Service Plan, a series of recommendations on how the system should be fixed, to the city's community & protective services committee.

"Fifty percent of the families who register for a subsidy get a subsidy," said Aaron Bury, general manager of community and social services. "That's not good enough. The system is terribly out of date and confusing."

The city committee says it has identified priorities for 2014 including implementing an new "Waitlist Management" program in September.

Under the current system, families looking for day care join a general registry online and get seen when their number is called.

The new waitlist system will prioritize those most socially vulnerable families, single parents, families with domestic abuse or families with annual incomes between $20,000 - $40,000, will be eligible for assistance.

The city currently covers the cost for 6,500 kids, but demand for subsidized day care has nearly tripled since 2010. Of the 13,000 families waiting for daycare, 5,112 need a subsidy

"These changes are long overdue," said Bury.

The province is expected to add another $3-4 million to the city's $95 million child care budget, which will make room for more kids. The city has space for 27,000 kids at its 333 licensed child care centres and 17 home child care agencies. Fees charged typically range from $16 a day for a school-aged child to $68 a day for an infant.

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Five-week investigation

## 2 pinched in break and enter spree

Ottawa Police Services have arrested two men suspected of robbing as many as 30 businesses in Ottawa and Lanark County since Jan. 13.

Desmond Johnston, 53 and Michael LeBlanc, 44, were both arrested at a Maitland Ave. residence on Wednesday following a sweeping five week investigation by both Ottawa police and the OPP.

The investigation began on Jan. 13 after Ottawa Police Services received complaints two men were seen burglarizing businesses.

The men appeared in court Thursday, each charged with six counts of break and enter, theft of a motor vehicle, and six counts of wearing a disguise with intent. LeBlanc was also charged with eight counts of violating his probation.

DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

Oscar nominee

## Movie night!

Heritage Minister Shelly Glover and Telefilm Canada will host a movie night to showcase Canadian film.

On Tuesday they'll screen Canada's foreign-language Oscar nominee for 2013, Gabrielle, at the National Arts Centre. The screening is closed, but the public is invited to check out the celebs walking the red carpet outside the NAC lobby at 6:30 p.m. The movie starts at 7:15 p.m.

Walking the red carpet will be the film's cast and crew, including stars Alexandre Landry and Melissa Desormeaux-Poulin, and director Louise Archambault. DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

Canada Post has announced where it will install the first community mailboxes as part of its plan to wind down home delivery. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Kanata first chop on door-to-door mail drop

**Post Canada Post.**
Community mailbox phaseout expected to save $400 to $500 million a year

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Kanata will be one of the first communities to usher in the final chapter of urban door-to-door mail delivery.

Canada Post announced on Thursday morning it was phasing out the home postal service in 11 communities across the country starting this fall.

A total of 7,900 addresses in Kanata will be affected by this change. That includes anyone with postal codes K2K, K2L and K2M. The Crown corporation is nixing home delivery in favour of community mailboxes, which are common in smaller municipalities and are already a fixture in some parts of Ottawa.

Susan Margles, vice president of government relations and policy with Canada Post, said they're starting the phase-out plan in suburban areas where community mailbox infrastructure is already in place, as opposed to the dense urban cores.

"In Kanata, we've already got the structure there in terms of letter carriers having the trucks that they would need to go out in," she said. "That will allow us to make that transition fairly smoothly for our employees."

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) will be knocking on doors in Kanata to garner support against the plan.

"It's not based on reality," said Mark Evard, national director for the central region of CUPW. "It's based on an assumption that we're going to lose a billion dollars a year. People like their door-to-door delivery. There are a lot of people that are seniors and people with disabilities that depend on that door-to-door service."

Margles said Canada Post will organize public consultations to help curb those problems.

Canada Post is phasing out door-to-door delivery for five million addresses over five years.

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**Seven of the 11 communities nationwide that will have their home delivery service phased out this fall are in Ontario and Quebec:**

- Oakville, Ont. (26,400 addresses)
- Neighbourhoods in Kanata (7,900 addresses)
- Rosemère, Que. (3,350 addresses)
- Lorraine, Que. (2,550 addresses)
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- Charlemagne, Que. (1,300 addresses)
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# Ottawa Senators hit outdoor ice for first RINK practice

**Outside.** With the NHL season on standby during the Olympics, it was the Senators' first outdoor practice on a Sens RINK Project

It was probably even better than a snow day for a crew of elementary school students.

The Ottawa Senators passed a puck around at Jules Morin Park Thursday morning. So students at neighbouring York Street Public School and École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Anne got to ditch class for an hour and watch the team play on the schools' home ice.

With the NHL season on standby during the Olympics, it was the Senators' first outdoor practice on a Sens RINK Project (Recreational Investments in Neighbourhood for Kids).

Danielle Robinson, president of the Ottawa Senators Foundation, said today's practice is meant to show the kids that "dreams really do come true."

"We want to be able to give back to the community and having local hockey players and a lot of these heroes on the ice for these kids in the neighbourhood," she said. "This is really where a lot of the guys got their start, is on outdoor rinks like this."

"It's amazing to the see the players, to see the community, the kids come out of school for an hour and meet the players," added Mathieu Fleury, the city councillor for the ward in the lowertown district. "A lot of them don't get to maybe, watch the games on TV, so getting to meet the players is unreal."

The Ottawa Senators Foundation is planning to build a total of 20 outdoor rinks in the region. The Jules Morin Park rink opened last January. It's second to the Rink of Dreams outside City Hall. Recently, the Sens foundation announced a third rink to be built at Bayshore Park. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

The Ottawa Senators passed a puck around at Jules Morin Park Thursday morning. It was the team's first time practicing on ice built by the Sens RINK Project (Recreational Investments in Neighbourhood for Kids). LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Ottawa Senators defenceman Cody Ceci helped make Internet history by skating a kilometre of the Rideau Canal with a Google Maps camera on Thursday. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

## Kilometre-long skate. Sens player puts Rideau Canal on the (Google) map

An Ottawa Senators player put his skating skills to use Thursday, strapping a 40-pound Google Maps camera to his back and skating a kilometre of the Rideau Canal.

Cody Ceci was helping create a bit of Internet history, participating in Google's initiative to digitize the canal.

"I skated on the canal as a kid, so it's cool to be a part of something like this," he said. "I guess years from now, I can look back on it ... on the Internet and say that I was the one carrying that camera."

Aaron Brindle, of Google Canada, said his team usually does mapping projects in the summertime. But the Rideau Canal must be mapped out in the winter.

"This is a world heritage site that we're on right now," he said.

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## Dancing with the Stars celeb in Ottawa

Derek Hough, of Dancing with the Stars, says he's excited to be leading a fitness session in Ottawa this weekend that will support the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.

"My step mother actually had breast cancer," Hough told Metro of his decision to participate in Bust a Move Ottawa, an event presented by Morguard and the St. Laurent Centre.

"For me anything that has to do with progress in the medical area I love to be a part of. And anything that lends itself moving and having high energy — I'm all about being active and having high energy."

Hough — who will be the centre of attention Friday night at a special VIP part for top fundraisers and dignitaries — will be hosting a one-day fitness fundraiser at the Ottawa Athletic Club located at 2525 Lancaster Road. Each participant in the event will have raised a minimum of $1,000 to participate.

Much as he designs dance routines on his television show to the partners he's paired with, Hough says he will craft the fitness session specifically to the people attending.

Dancer Derek Hough of Dancing with the Stars GETTY IMAGES

"I look at the group, I look at the people and tailor it to the kind of people who are in there," he said.

Funds raised by the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation go to improve breast health programs at area hospitals, fund innovative cancer research projects, and support Cancer Coaching at the Maplesoft Centre. For more information about Bust a Move, go to ottawacancer.ca/BaM2014.aspx.

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## 25 years. AIDS shelter's anniversary a 'bittersweet' milestone for some

When Richard Naster started working at Bruce House more than 20 years ago, he expected there would be a cure for HIV by now.

So for him, the 25th anniversary milestone of the organization is "bittersweet."

"Given that there isn't a cure and that there's still a lot of people with HIV and a lot of people who, in addition to HIV, are living with mental illness, with addictions, homelessness, poverty ... I'm glad that Bruce House still exists for those people," said the house's team leader. "I think that's really commendable."

The shelter and support service for people living with HIV and AIDS started as a four-bedroom home on Arlington Avenue in 1988. About 20 years ago, it moved to a bigger location in Westboro and later secured government funding to expand to seven beds.

Apart from the transitional house, which offers 24-hour care, there are now also 40 apartments around the city. However, there are also about 200 people on a waiting list.

Over the years, the cocktail of harsh medications that were once prescribed to HIV patients has been replaced with more efficient, less side-effect-inducing drugs. The stigma that plagued the disease has diminished, but still exists for many HIV patients, said Naster.

"I hope we gave them a place of some dignity and some respect during the last days of their lives," he said.

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Bruce House will be celebrating its 25-year milestone Feb. 22. Tickets are available at 613-729-0911 or eventbrite.com. CONTRIBUTED

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# Trudeau's first convention as leader begins with a glitch

**Technical difficulties.**
## Liberal leader's rehearsal accidentally broadcast to media; speech says Harper has 'no answers' for economic problems

Justin Trudeau's first national party convention since becoming Liberal leader started with a slight hitch:

A rehearsal of his opening speech was inadvertently broadcast to the media room several hours before he was to officially welcome some 3,000 Liberal delegates to Montreal.

In the speech, Trudeau exhorts delegates to stay focused on the economic challenges facing the middle class, and argues that Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has "no answers to the economic problems that feed fear and anxiety.

And that, he maintains, has helped create the environment in which the Parti Quebecois government has introduced legislation to prohibit public servants from wearing prominent religious symbols.

To Canadians outside Quebec, Trudeau says: "I know you worry about how divisions are being stoked in this province these days, how identity politics are generating fear and intolerance. Well, have faith. This idea that diversity is strength has never been a foreign idea here."

To his fellow Quebecers, Trudeau says: "We have spent too long in protest." And he promises to beat back fear with hope. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses his party's policy convention Thursday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Dino-mite! Massive skull unearthed by University of Calgary researchers

Describing their discovery as "gargantuan" both in its literal size and its potential significance, University of Calgary researchers have unveiled a portion of a massive skull of an ancient dinosaur — possibly the largest ever found.

The nearly two-metre long fossil was found in Drumheller, Alta., in October, when researchers noticed a portion of what to most people would have looked like little more than a bumpy rock poking out of the ground on a piece of private property.

"We were just out looking for fossils and my research assistant had pointed it out," said Darla Zelenitsky, an assistant professor at the university. "We just started excavating around it and it just kept growing and growing."

What they eventually unearthed was one of the largest, if not the largest, skull of a pachyrhinosaur ever found, she said. At least, that's what they think it is.

"We have lots more work to do to determine if it's a new type or species of pachyrhinosaur," Zelenitsky said. "It's possible that it could be something different."

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University of Calgary professor Darla Zelenitsky holds a cast of a juvenile pachyrhinosaur skull. Behind her is the 1.5-metre portion of an adult skull she unearthed in Drumheller, Alta. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

**Fatal confrontation**

## New indictments for Mounties in Taser perjury case

New indictments have been filed against two Mounties accused of perjury at a public inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death, adding an allegation the officers lied when they testified that they hadn't talked about what happened after his death.

Dziekanski, who was immigrating to Canada from Poland, died on the floor of the Vancouver airport after he was repeatedly stunned with an RCMP Taser in October 2007.

All four RCMP officers involved in the fatal confrontation were charged with one count of perjury. One of them, Const. Bill Bentley, has already been tried and acquitted.

Const. Kwesi Millington, former corporal Benjamin (Monty) Robinson, and Const. Gerry Rundel have trials in front of judges scheduled later this year, with Millington's scheduled first in March.

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People pass through Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Fierce clashes between police and protesters shattered a brief truce in Ukraine's besieged capital, killing numerous people. The deaths came in a new eruption of violence just hours after the country's embattled president and opposition leaders called for a truce and negotiations to try to resolve Ukraine's political crisis. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# The truce is over: Deadliest day yet in Kyiv protests

**Fierce clashes.** Medic says scores killed and hundreds wounded in Ukraine's capital

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters tossed firebombs and advanced on police lines Thursday in Ukraine's embattled capital. Government snipers shot back, killing at least 70 people and wounding hundreds of others, according to medic Dr. Oleh Musiy.

Video footage on Ukrainian television showed shocking scenes Thursday of protesters being cut down by gunfire, lying on the pavement as comrades rushed to their aid. Trying to protect themselves with shields, teams of protesters carried bodies away on sheets of plastic or planks of wood.

"The price of freedom is too high but Ukrainians are paying it," said Viktor Danilyuk, a 30-year-old protester. "We have no choice, the government isn't hearing us."

Protesters were also seen leading policemen with their hands held high around the sprawling protest camp in central Kyiv. Ukraine's Interior Ministry says 67 police were captured in all.

President Viktor Yanukovych and the opposition protesters who are demanding his resignation are locked in an epic battle over the identity of Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that has divided loyalties between Russia and the West. Parts of the country — mostly in its western cities — are in open revolt against Yanukovych's central government, while many in eastern Ukraine back the president and favour strong ties with Russia, their former Soviet ruler.

Protesters across the country are also upset over corruption in Ukraine, the lack of democratic rights and the country's ailing economy, which just barely avoided bankruptcy with a $15 billion loan from Russia.

At least 101 people have died this week in the clashes in Kyiv, according to protesters and Ukrainian authorities, a sharp reversal in three months of mostly peaceful protests. Now neither side appears willing to compromise or in control of the streets. The opposition is insisting on Yanukovych's resignation and an early election while the embattled president is apparently prepared to fight until the end.

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Activists evacuate a wounded protester during clashes with police in Kyiv's Independence Square in Ukraine on Thursday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sochi

## *Skier drops out of race*

A Ukrainian skier has withdrawn from the Olympics to protest the deaths of anti-government protesters in her country.

"I don't want to participate when in my country people die," said Bogdana Matsotska.

The 24-year-old skier is refusing to ski in Friday's slalom, her third and best event at the Sochi Olympics.

Bogdana Matsotska

Matsotska says Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovych "has to be jailed, and for a long time ... for all the lives that he took." She adds, "I hope that I will be heard by the world."

Matsotska wants to join protesters in Kyiv but has been unable to book a flight home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's reaction

## *Feds extend travel ban, promise sanctions*

Canada is extending its travel ban to cover more senior officials of the Ukrainian government and is promising economic sanctions as well.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians continue to be outraged by the violence in the Ukrainian capital.

Last month, the Canadian government imposed a travel ban on some officials and promised medical aid for protesters.

There were no immediate specifics of the wider travel ban, nor did Harper's statement provide details of the planned sanctions.

He does say, however, that even tougher measures are being considered.

He is urging the hardline government of President Viktor Yanukovych to stop the violence that has rocked the streets of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv.

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# Oilsands chemicals hit Athabasca River: Environment Canada study

**Tailings ponds seepage.** Research tracks toxic substances back to tarsands

New federal research strongly backs suspicions that toxic chemicals from Alberta's oilsands tailings ponds are leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River.

Leakage from oilsands tailings ponds, which now cover 176 square kilometres, has long been an issue. Industry has acknowledged that seepage can occur and previous studies have estimated it at 6.5 million litres a day from a single pond.

The soil around the developments contains many chemicals from naturally occurring bitumen deposits and scientists have never been able to separate them from contaminants released by industry.

A tailings pond at the Syncrude oilsands facility near Fort McMurray, Alta., in July, 2012. New federal research has confirmed that water from vast oilsands tailings ponds is leaching into groundwater and seeping into the Athabasca River. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The current Environment Canada study, accepted for publication in the journal Environmental Science and Technology, used new technology to discover that the mix of chemicals is slightly different between the two sources. That discovery, made using a $1.6-million piece of equipment purchased in 2010 to help answer such questions, allows scientists to actually fingerprint chemicals and trace them back to where they came from. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Tracing groundwater**

Here's how Environment Canada did its study:

- **Scientists took 20 groundwater samples** at least one kilometre up- and downstream from development.
- **They took seven samples** from within 200 metres and directly from two tailings ponds.
- **Their focus was on so-called acid-extractable organics**, which include a family of chemicals called naphthenic acids.
- **Those toxins were found in groundwater near and far from development.** But their composition was different nearer the mines, closer to that found in the water from the ponds.


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**Calgary police**

## Dog abuse probe turns to fishy fundraising

Calgary police say they are no longer looking into a complaint about an abused dog, but will investigate a fundraiser involving the case.

Alyssa Hatfield and her fiancé Cameron Edmonds told police two weeks ago that their husky cross had been taken from their backyard.

Edmonds said that he searched the neighbourhood and found the pet hog-tied and with a belt around its muzzle.

Police say they found unexplained inconsistencies with the complaint, but aren't closing the case.

A total of $1,700 was raised on an online fundraising site for the dog's vet bills.

Animal abuse has been a high-profile issue in Calgary since a cat and starved dog were found dead in an alley with their mouths taped shut.

People donated $72,000 on the same crowd-sourcing site as a reward to find the person responsible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## North American summit. Amigos? Yes, just not that much into one another

From wheels down to wheels up on Air Force One, U.S. President Barack Obama spent about eight hours on Mexican soil for the Three Amigos summit.

For some, that embodies Obama's attitude towards North American leaders' summits in general and why the so-called Three Amigos club has been in such decline: Obama is just not into it.

"His cameo appearance at this summit sends a clear message that when it comes to North America, Canada and Mexico are dancers without a dance partner," said Fen Hampson, director of global security for the Waterloo, Ont., Centre for International Governance Innovation.

With the U.S. midterm elections coming up, Obama is boxed in by home politics. The North American Free Trade Agreement, whose 20th anniversary was feted in Toluca, won't get votes, said Hampson.

While heaping praise on his neighbours, Obama also told a business forum in Toluca that the three countries will always have "parochial interests." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks with U.S. President Barack Obama in Toluca, Mexico, on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Former tab editor acquitted of one charge

**Phone hacking trial.** Former head hack at the defunct News of the World in the U.K. still faces four more charges

Former News of the World editor Rebekah Brooks was acquitted Thursday of one charge at Britain's phone hacking trial as she began her defence against four more.

Her lawyer told jurors that Brooks was "not on trial for having worked for Rupert Murdoch's company."

Judge John Saunders ruled that there was "no case for Mrs. Brooks to answer" to a charge that she illegally paid an official for a picture of Prince William in a bikini. Saunders said "considerable uncertainty" had arisen about the source of the photo.

Brooks and six others are on trial on charges stemming from the revelation that News of the World eavesdropped on voicemails of celebrities, politicians and crime victims.

All seven defendants deny the charges against them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Then and now**

### "It all seems so silly now."

**Former News of the World editor Rebekah Brooks.** In pursuit of scoops, she recalled spending up to $250,000 in 1995 to get an interview with the prostitute arrested with actor Hugh Grant.

Rebekah Brooks, former tabloid editor, arrives at court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**'Embarrassed'**

### 'Pizza Hut and nothing but?' Well, maybe not

A West Virginia pizza restaurant has been shut down after a district manager was caught on surveillance video urinating into a sink.

Pizza Hut Corp. spokesman Doug Terfehr said Wednesday the company was made aware of the video Tuesday and fired the employee shortly thereafter. The restaurant in Kermit, about 140 km southwest of Charleston, was then closed indefinitely.

The video dated Jan. 29 shows the manager urinating in a metal sink in a food preparation area. The incident occurred after business hours.

Terfehr issued a statement saying the company was "embarrassed by the actions of this individual."

The employee's name wasn't released.

"Pizza Hut has zero tolerance for violations of our operating standards," said the statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Drink up — water, that is

**American first lady Michelle Obama is escorted by Rose Cameron, CEO and founder of a line of bottled water targeted to kids and teens, as they view the Taking Back the Streets art exhibit at the New Museum in New York, Thursday. Obama kicked off appearances to celebrate her anti-childhood-obesity and drink water initiatives.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The opossums that Metro reporter Rita Poliakov saw at a breeder's house were smaller than the wild opossum, which is pictured above. ISTOCK

# So, you want to buy an opossum

**'Other pets.'** How one reporter's quest for the perfect marsupial led to an imperfect situation

RITA POLIAKOV
Metro in Toronto

It didn't take long for the baby opossum to escape my grip.

About the size of my palm, it quickly made its way off my hand, around my shirt and onto the couch. After hours of researching the marsupial, I guess I never realized how quick they would be. Or how agile.

I didn't expect to find myself at an opossum breeder's house on a Sunday morning, chatting about cockroach lunches and ferret pellets. But there I was, watching a full-grown opossum cuddle with its owner. He looked downright adorable.

### Scouring the web

My journey may have ended at a breeder's an hour away from Toronto, but it began on Kijiji. My goal was to go through the same steps a prospective exotic pet owner might before finding that perfect critter. And for me, that started online.

On Kijiji, lurking in the "other pets" section, I found a wealth of exotic animals — hedgehogs, Bengal cats and pythons, all just a click away. After a bit of Googling, I settled on a Brazilian, short-tailed opossum. And then I looked up Toronto's animal bylaws.

Opossums, it turns out, are in the prohibited animals list, right in between kangaroos and wallabies.

"Part of the reason for the exotic animal bylaw is these animals need quite a lot of specialized care," said Mary Lou Leiher of Toronto Animal Services. "Opossums, they're still wild animals. They're just being socialized.... That doesn't make them domesticated. Wild animals have different brain chemistry and should be left in the wild."

If I'm caught with an opossum, animal services would try to get me to give up my pet voluntarily. Otherwise, I could get charged and saddled with a fine as high as $5,000.

**'They're actually illegal'**

**"Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab."**

### Providing the essentials

Trying to keep my opossum obsession on the down low, I started looking at care options. The breeder suggested using a plastic storage container with mesh on top where the lid would be instead of a cage. The opossum's diet would be a little bit more complicated. Opossums need lots of variety, including ferret food, insects and baby food.

My next step was to talk to someone with experience. Richard Johnstone is an exotic animal science instructor at Sheridan College in Toronto. When living in Australia, Johnstone took in a baby possum (not to be confused with the North American opossum).

"It was delightful. I would bring home all kinds of eucalyptus. She'd sit on the back of the couch and chew them. She was quite sweet," he said.

But when the possum got to adulthood, Johnstone released her. According to the instructor, mature possums can get aggressive when their hormones kick in.

### Finding a vet

Armed with information, a hypothetical storage container and lots of cockroaches (also hypothetical), my last step was to find a vet. Which proved to be my downfall.

The Links Road Animal Clinic in Toronto treats all kinds of exotic animals. But Dr. Evan Mavromatis hasn't seen many opossums.

"They're actually illegal," he was quick to tell me. Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab.

Still, if not for animal bylaws, I think I'd enjoy owning a cuddly, agile marsupial. You know, hypothetically speaking.

Metro reporter Rita Poliakov initially wanted to research buying a Fennec fox, shown here, but YouTube videos showcasing the animal's astonishingly high energy level convinced her to look for something else.

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## Day 3: Exotic pets in Canada

**After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?**

- **Online.** Read about Jagger, a serval cat who lives in a Regina suburb; escape the clutch of a Burmese python; and hear what the Ikea monkey's mom has to say about having wild friends.

## That's not really a pet, is it?

Ranking No. 1 on Animal Planet's Top 10 Peculiar Pets list was none other than the Madagascar hissing cockroach (which produces a hissing sound when air travels through respiratory openings on the abdomen). These roaches could make ideal pets for those living in small dwellings, as the creatures only need a small enclosure with places to hide and sticks to climb. They're also suitable for exotic-animal owners who are on a budget. The insects eat fresh vegetables with dry pellet food that's high in protein. METRO

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Jabba the Hut, or the face of cold-blooded danger? Read below to find out why this African bullfrog named Jeremiah can be a tricky pet. CONTRIBUTED

# A soft spot for cold-blooded creatures *

From slithering serpents to creepy crawlies, Valerie Williams' vast array of cold-blooded pets would make even the bravest person cringe. But Williams wasn't nicknamed the Snake Lady for nothing.

Turning 80 this March, she has been all over Ontario educating adults and kids about reptiles, amphibians and insects since 1969. "A lot of people are scared of cold-blooded animals and often overlook how important they are," said Williams, who lives in London, Ont..

In every presentation, she likes reminding her audience about how useful these creatures are in the wild as they perform essential tasks like breaking down plant material to make new soil.

Williams' fascination for cold-blooded animals started when she was a young girl in her native England. At four years old, she was given her first pet snake. "My dad was an environmentalist and he'll just give me pets to take care of so I really appreciated them early on and was never really scared," she said.

Several decades after, Williams' interest has shown no signs of waning. She now keeps 20 rodent-eating snakes from ball pythons and king snakes to milk snakes and her favourite, corn snakes, which grow up to five feet and come in every colour except blue. "They're all extremely well-behaved," Williams said. "I will never do a show with an animal I don't personally know."

SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO IN REGINA

* Surprisingly, snakes aren't the most dangerous cold-blooded pets Valerie Williams owns. That title goes to her African bullfrog, Jeremiah. "He bites just because he feels like it," Williams said. "His kind attacks snakes and will even latch onto lions when they come down to drink in the watering hole." To see how sharp an African bullfrog's teeth are, search for "African bullfrog Erindi Private Game Reserve" on YouTube.

# Having trouble with your pet fox? Help's a click away

**Online support.** Exotic animal owners can turn to Internet forums when they're having problems

ANDREW FIFIELD
Metro in Toronto

You become responsible forever, for what you have tamed.

That quote from French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry has become a mantra for exotic pet owners, but a dedicated Internet community is happy to help newbies shoulder that responsibility.

"Sadly, there are quite a few people who do not get the support they need," says Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den, a rich resource for new and prospective owners. "Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

A stressed animal makes for an unhappy pet, and an unhappy pet can be a destructive force, overwhelming new owners who worry they may have bitten off more than they can chew and marking a point where a helpful community becomes invaluable.

Fable's early days were trying for his owner, Ash Whatcott, but a little help from her online friends went a long way. CONTRIBUTED

According to Whatcott, animals that spend their early days sharing a home are unlikely to find a happier habitat after proving too much for their owners. Many end up in hands-off sanctuaries, which can be difficult for animals used to human contact. Others can end up being euthanized.

Whatcott herself was among the potentially overwhelmed owners after first adopting her red fox, Fable. Foxes are notoriously energetic and clever, traits that can get out of hand for an unprepared owner. Wrestling with red fox red tape such as securing the proper permits can also be daunting.

And though the help provided at Sybil's Den was a huge assist in the early days, the window for potential complications stays open.

"This past fall, I ran into difficulties when Fable's temperament unexpectedly changed," says Whatcott. "By speaking with other members I learned what to do to correct the situation and now Fable is back to his playful, loving self.

"If not for the community, I'm not sure I ever would have seen that cute little white-tipped tail wag again."

**Quoted**

**"Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."**

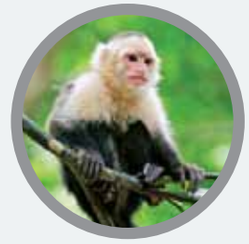
Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den

## Which famous guy owned an anteater?

Mike Tyson, Vanilla Ice, Nicolas Cage, Justin Bieber, Salvador Dali and Michael Jackson are just some of the celebrities who've kept exotic pets. Guess which one owned which critter. (Answers below.)

Anteater

Octopus



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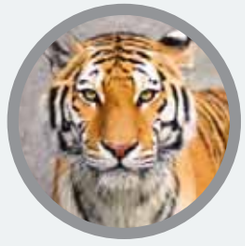
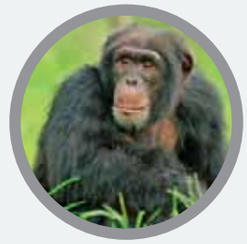


Tiger



Chimpanzee

Wallaroo

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Answers: Salvador Dali = anteater, Nicolas Cage = octopus, Vanilla Ice = wallaroo, Justin Bieber = capuchin monkey, Mike Tyson = tiger, Michael Jackson = chimpanzee

# Report. Tories offer reindeer-grazing reserves for oil, gas exploration

Tracts of land that had been set aside for reindeer grazing in Canada's North have instead been offered up by the Conservative government for oil and gas exploration, newly released documents show.

Companies interested in obtaining petroleum exploration rights in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort Sea region of the Northwest Territories were asked last year to nominate blocks of land that they wanted to see included in a subsequent call for bids.

Reindeer-grazing reserves near the communities of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk were among the lands that were included in that call for nominations, pending a necessary amendment to an order-in-council imposed in 2010.

Documents show officials at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada have discussed just such an amendment in order to allow the reindeer-grazing land to be included in the bidding for exploration licences.

PM Stephen Harper greets workers at a construction site in Inuvik, N.W.T., earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

"Most Crown lands in the Mackenzie Delta are withdrawn from disposal under an order-in-council to allow for a reindeer-grazing reserve," says a briefing note to a top department official from last August.

"These lands have been included in the call for bids, pending amendments to (the order-in-council) to confirm the Crown's ability to dispose of these lands for oil and gas exploration."

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## Market Minute

**DOLLAR**
90.10¢ (-0.14¢)

**TSX**
14,210.37 (+90.64)

**OIL**
$102.92 US (-$0.39)

**GOLD**
$1,316.90 US (-$3.50)

**Natural gas:** $6.04 US (-$0.06)
**Dow Jones:** 16,133.23 (+92.67)

## Fresh style abroad

### Canada's Joe Fresh going global

Grocery giant Loblaw Companies Ltd. is bringing its Joe Fresh discount clothing line overseas in a major expansion that will target fashionistas in key growth markets like the Middle East and North Africa.

The Canadian company said Thursday that the rollout includes the addition of up to 141 Joe Fresh stores in 23 countries over the next four years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Cold stone failure: Timmies puts creamery out of misery

Pedestrians walk past a Tim Hortons location with a Cold Stone Creamery in Toronto on Thursday. Tim Hortons has announced it's pulling the plug on its deluxe ice cream shops, a decision that cost the company about $19 million in the fourth quarter. The partnership with the American dairy chain, which began in 2009, will continue in the Tim Hortons locations in the United States. TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# WhatsApp with Facebook's buy?

**Record-busting.** The social media behemoth paid a jaw-dropping $19B for phone app

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in London

Facebook has paid $19 billion US for WhatsApp, the smartphone app that allows users to send text messages for free. How can an app be worth as much as Honduras's entire economy, and much more than the economies of Jamaica and Nicaragua? Metro spoke with Bryce Keane, founder and director of the London social media firm Albion Drive and co-founder of events firm 3beards.

**$19 billion US, isn't that too much money to pay for a company that doesn't make any money currently?**

Let's be honest, it's a pretty crazy evaluation. Facebook already has a similar technology but not many users, whereas WhatsApp has 450 million users. Facebook is buying WhatsApp's users and space.

**But how is Facebook ever going to make the money back?**

It's not buying WhatsApp to make money but to enter a new market and capture an active user population that doesn't use Facebook. A lot of young people use WhatsApp because they can't afford text messages. And let's be honest, somebody else already bought Skype and Viber. The messaging war is on.

# CURLING GETS A BIT NUTTY

THE METRO LIST

**Paul Sullivan**
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The world's most bizarre Olympics (and that's saying something) are cruising to a climax in Sochi this week, so it's only natural that all the follies are trending on social media.

1 **The aim: to land the walnut in the centre of the nest.** Perhaps the funniest video ever made. The BBC is responsible for running a video of the U.K. and U.S. Olympic women's curling match over a soundtrack of David Attenborough, in full plummy upper-crust roar, describing the mating ritual of some kind of exotic critter, while curlers point, sweep, curl the "walnut," and exhort each other strenuously. The walnut gets to be the rock. Curling finally makes some kind of sense.

2 **Pound sand.** Former Canadian Olympic chief Dick Pound gets a giggle on Twitter every time he's mentioned at Sochi merely because of his name. Somehow this guy managed to spend the last 50 years as a dedicated servant of amateur sport and as the world's foremost anti-doping crusader, only to trend on Twitter in his latter days because he's got a name that's more suited to a Sochi Tinder account.

3 **And the gold medal for protesting at Sochi goes to...** Pussy Riot. I'm not saying they went out of their way to get beaten up, but for sheer, er, punch, the YouTube video of the women of the Russian protest rock group getting beaten and whipped (yes, whipped) by members of the Cossack militia in front of the Sochi hoarding that surrounds the Olympic site is probably the most effective statement made against the whole fiasco. Their offence? Singing, "Putin will teach you how to love the motherland." OK, so it's not the song of the Volga Boatmen, but whipped?

4 **Got a problem with that?** The Sochi Games are plagued by so many problems @Sochi2014 still doesn't have as many followers as @SochiProblems. Not even close: 263,000 for the former to 340,000 for the problems. The Russian-language problems site has an additional 171,000. D'oh! Or is that da!?

5 **Meanwhile, over at the Shanghai Games.** Not all the action is in Sochi. If you want see a real Olympian effort, how about two guys climbing the tallest building in China, the second tallest in the world, at 121 storeys and 632 metres? The hardest part? Once they got to the top, they have to look down.

6 **Put down the phone. Step away from the table.** French chefs are notorious prima donnas. But it's hard to argue with their latest source of outrage. Before they savour the savoury, diners are getting in the habit of documenting their meal and uploading the image to social media. "There is a time and place for everything," declares Alexandre Gauthier, chef of the Grenouillere in La Madelaine-sous-Montreuil. Not only that, it's bordering on gastronomic espionage. That will be 50 euros for the duck and 10 for the residuals. Or is that leftovers?

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## Remembering a teammate

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### Canada's Nik Zoricic honoured by team

Canada's Christopher Delbosco, left, flies through the air during the eighth final of the men's ski cross at the Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia on Thursday.

Members of the Canadian ski cross team who would normally be dressed head-to-toe in red and white, designed denim-looking ski pants for their Olympic race in honour of Nik Zoricic, who died after an accident on the ski cross course in March 2012.

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### Denim makes a real statement in Sochi

When Toronto's Nik Zoricic began his ski cross career, he didn't have the right pants, so he wore blue jeans to the mountain.

Zoricic crashed through safety nets in a World Cup event, suffered severe head injuries and died in Grindelwald, Switzerland. Two months earlier, Canadian free skier Sarah Burke died in a training accident.

Canada's Brady Leman finished fourth Thursday in ski cross finals. France took all the medals.

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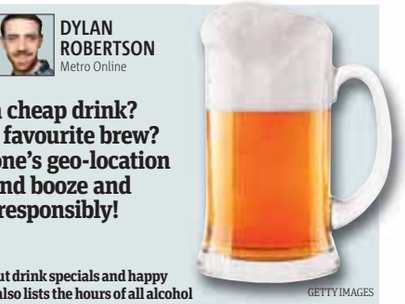

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**Findmytap:**
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Twitter

**@metropicks asked: Some French restaurateurs want to eliminate food porn by banning smartphones while dining. Where would you ban smartphones?**

**@YvezBourgoin:** movie theatres and concerts getting out of hand!

**@5gatos:** dislike all this "banning" how about ask your patrons nicely? Explain your views. #enoughrules

**@jennifercw015:** I agree with the restaurant and I would add a movie theatre or ordering anything from a customer service agent

**@ramosjcr:** ya okay, now we can't have smart phones in restaurants! Not going to happen! Instead they should embrace it!

**@dansgoodside:** I'd ban them around my own dinner table so that my friends would actually pay attention to me!

**@Zaedum:** Smartphones are a part of the world and entered us into an age of connectivity. They shouldn't be banned anywhere, except planes

**@scottmahoney94:** Line ups in fast food restaurants while ordering

**@insideoutsidemk:** if I'm paying for the dish why can I not photograph it! Pro iphone! I wouldn't pay to go to said establishment

**@ammarxghori:** thats so stupid LOL food porn = public interest in the food via social media = more popularity/customers/interest

**@_Escape_Artist:** public places where it may be a negative distraction to both users and others. Theatres (of all kinds) especially

**@Canucklehead_ca:** Brett Farve's possession. (See also: US Senators.)

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**Synopsis**

Set in the shadow of the gurgling volcano Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii stars Game of Thrones heart-throb Kit Harington as the muscle-bound Milo. His tribe, including his entire family, was wiped out by the vicious Roman Senator Corvus (Kiefer Sutherland) dooming him to a lonely life of servitude under the thumb of Roman masters. Years later as a gladiator in Pompeii's coliseum he sees a way to exact revenge and save Cassia (Emily Browning), the most beautiful girl in the lush resort town. As warriors Milo and Atticus (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) battle Roman soldiers in the coliseum, the volcano erupts, causing havoc. Will Milo get vengeance and save Cassia before a rolling mountain of lava and ash covers the city?

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Pompeii opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

# Plenty of molten cheese

**Pompeii.** The volcano is the only actor in this film that shows any kind of fire and spark

**Richard:** Mark, the spirit of Steve Reeves lives on. If you aren't familiar with Mr. Reeves' oeuvre, he was Hercules before Kevin Sorbo, a legend of beefcake historical drama movies. His movies were all about bulging muscles, swinging swords and damsels in revealing togas. Which brings me to the spiritual cousin to the Reeves movies — Pompeii — which adds spewing lava, but not much else to the sword and sandal genre. Physically, Jason Statham sound-a-like Harrington is up to the heroic Reeves role but is slowed down by the thick layer of molten cheese that covers almost every frame of this film.

**Mark:** Richard, the movie reminded me of Titanic, but not in a good way. It's 90 minutes of derivative and irrelevant narrative, a love story between an upper class woman and a commoner, followed by a half hour of the special effects you came to see in the first place. Harrington is fine, but it doesn't matter. The real star is the volcano, and unfortunately, it has the best lines. The gladiator plotline is inferior to other films in the same genre, although I thought the 20 slaves versus 20 centurions scene was handled with great verve.

**RC:** It does take too long for Mount Vesuvius to blow its top — complete with flying lava meteorites — and when it does, the special effects aren't quite as spectacular as you might hope from a CGI extravaganza. On top of that is muddy-looking 3D. The film overall is dark as though the whole thing was shot through a cloud of volcanic ash. Having said that, I didn't think the volcano had all the best lines. I got a kick out of a prison guard loudly waking up the jailed gladiators by shouting, "Wake up, scum!"

**MB:** Oh. I thought he was shouting that to the audience. And poor Kiefer Sutherland, given a cardboard role in a papier-mâché film. I kept expecting him to look at the volcano and shout, "We're running out of time!" What I think I would have liked was a drama that showed a cross section of Pompeii life all too tragically snuffed out by the erupting volcano. But maybe that would have been Pompous.

**RC:** Ha! I felt that when slave trader Graecus said, "You dragged me from a perfectly good brothel for this?" he was speaking directly to me.

**MB:** Unfortunately the movie didn't speak to me in any way, shape or form.

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# Seeing Paris through a gun barrel

**3 Days to Kill.** Touring the City of Light in car chases, dressed in stilettos and latex, was a wild ride for Amber Heard

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Amber Heard is the stiletto-wearing trigger-happy boss in Three Days to Kill, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Amber Heard has a ball playing Vivi, the trigger-happy, unsympathetic boss to Kevin Costner's retirement-age operative in 3 Days to Kill. Vivi is all deadpan one-liners, stilettos and gun-play, something right out of the imagination of Luc Besson. Which makes sense, since the French filmmaker conceived of the story and co-wrote the script. But Heard's character's high-ranking position in the CIA came as something of a surprise to the actress, as it's something she didn't find out about until after she'd finished filming.

**This doesn't seem too bad, as far as work goes.**

I'll tell you what isn't bad: Driving through the streets of Paris, shooting a gun out of the window while Kevin Costner tries to steer for you, or getting in a fist fight with a stripper in front of [director] McG's cameras. I had this incredible heightened reality that I had to exist in — I'm basically in a latex suit, full corset, a gun on my hip, shooting another gun with my free hand, wearing a platinum blonde wig and red lipstick, and this is right before I jump out of the car and assassinate a gangster. I look over and I see the Arc de Triomphe or the Eiffel Tower and I'm in a gunfight — it was a very interesting way to see Paris that I didn't quite get from the tour bus.

**Your character is in a very Luc Besson world, which just seems like a fun place to be.**

Yeah, that was straight out of Luc Besson's head. There's something very liberating about playing a character that has no respect for the rules and the physical laws and the social norms that the rest of us are bound by. McG is a lot like Vivi in the fact that he's not really bound by the same standards or stereotypes or rules or expectations that other people are. He was fine having this dynamic of a younger woman like myself being the overbearing boss in ways — almost a sadistic boss — to Kevin Costner's character. And normally you don't see that dynamic. You would see younger girl and a man like Kevin and you would imagine the dynamic be a romantic one or paternal, one of the two. You don't expect this relationship. I liked that.

**That sadistic boss is part of the "new CIA," as they call it in the film.**

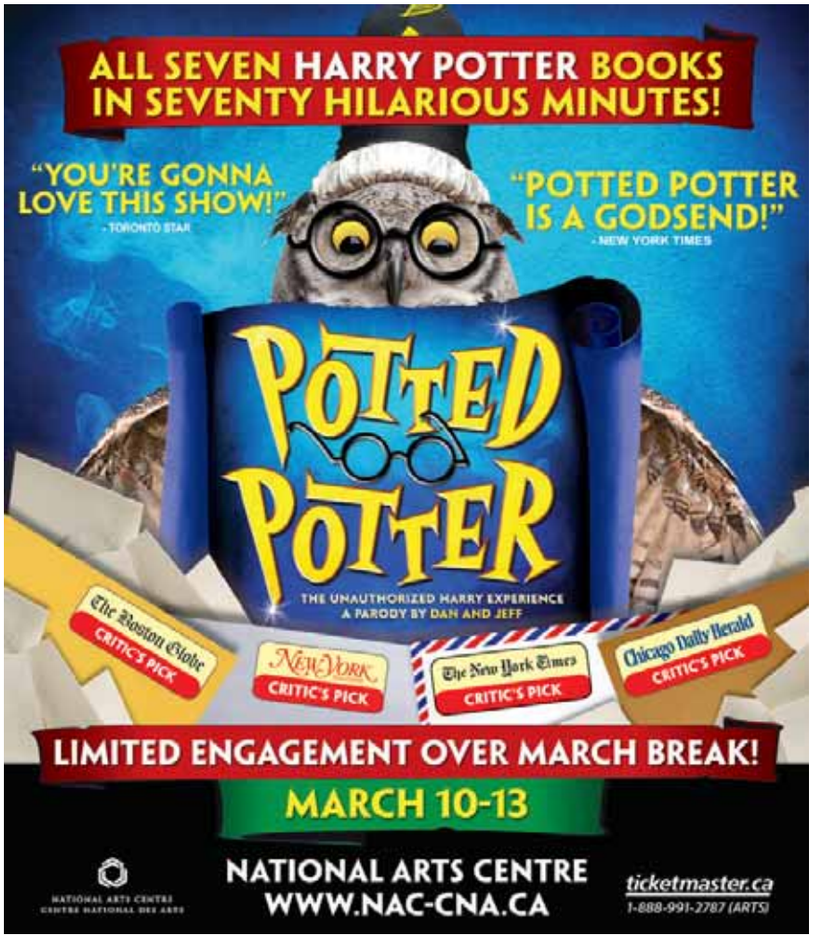
Yeah, but that's something that kind of developed after. When we filmed this, there was no real explanation for who she was or who she worked for. So that is something that's come in the process of tweaking and re-shooting.

**So the opening scene of you at CIA headquarters was added in later?**

Oh, I did that a couple of months ago. I haven't seen the finished film, but yeah, we shot that stuff just recently.

**In keeping with that Luc Besson world, you had some pretty impressive costumes. Any particular favourites?**

None of them were my favourite, I'll just put it that way. None of the wardrobe was fun to wear. Maybe with the exception of that opening scene [that's more business casual], that was fine for me to do. What wasn't fine was wearing a latex dress in the dead of winter in Paris in heels running through cobblestone streets. There's this wonderful designer who made a lot of the clothes, he's a Japanese dressmaker who makes all latex stuff. And as you know, nothing protects against the elements like a thin layer of latex.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# Film studios still put their faith in religion

**God is dead?** He might be in some parts, but he's alive and well at the box office

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Son of God opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

With a number of Biblical-themed films slated for release in 2014, religious films are back in vogue a decade after Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ earned $611 million and became the highest grossing non-English language film of all time.

In a time when religion is on the wane in North America, religious movies seem to still have box office draw and studios are readily throwing money behind them. John Pungente, director of the Jesuit Communication Project in Toronto, says studios continue to make them for one big reason. "Money. Studios are taking a leap of faith that films with religious figures as super heroes who save the world will bring in big money like The Passion of the Christ."

Last year's most watched TV cable miniseries, The Bible, from devout Christians Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, averaged 11.4 million viewers per episode and became the top-selling DVD miniseries ever — 525,000 copies were sold in the first week. Burnett made the series over strenuous objections in Hollywood.

Downey and Burnett's feature film on the life of Christ, Son of God is in theatres next week and Darren Aronofsky's Noah with Russell Crowe and Exodus, Ridley Scott's biblical epic starring Christian Bale as Moses are also due out this year.

Next year, we'll see Ang Lee's Gods and Kings, currently in development, and Mary (Mother of Christ) with Odeya Rush, Ben Kingsley and the late Peter O'Toole. All are big budget special effects epics.

Burnett, best known for his pioneering work in reality TV, says producing religious content is more than just a money maker. "This is for billions of people the most important story in their lives," he says.

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com. **Ratings:** *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:*

**Mystery/Horror**

## Here Comes The Devil

**Director.** Adrian García Bogliano

**Stars.** Francisco Barreiro, Laura Caro

Here Comes The Devil combines modern indie filmmaking and storytelling with a hint of '70s-styled psychological horror that may not just be psychological. Francisco Barreiro and Laura Caro play parents Felix and Sol whose preteen son and daughter inexplicably reappear after being lost overnight on a desolate, cave-riddled mountainside.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 45 % **Audience:** 35%

**Drama/Comedy**

## The Great Beauty

**Director.** Paolo Sorrentino

**Stars.** Toni Servillo, Carlo Verdone

Journalist Jep Gambardella (the dazzling Toni Servillo, Il divo and Gomorrah) has charmed and seduced his way through the lavish nightlife of Rome for decades. Since the legendary success of his one and only novel, he has been a permanent fixture in the city's literary and social circles, but when his sixty-fifth birthday coincides with a shock from the past, Jep finds himself unexpectedly taking stock of his life.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 92% **Audience:** 80 %

**Thriller**

## 3 Days to Kill

**Director.** McG

**Stars.** Kevin Costner, Amber Heard

In this heart pounding action-thriller, Kevin Costner is a dangerous international spy, who is determined to give up his high stakes life to finally build a closer relationship with his estranged wife and daughter, whom he's previously kept at arm's length to keep out of danger. But first, he must complete one last mission.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** No reviews yet **Audience:** 95 %

# Christensen's comeback. Canadian actor is back on the radar with new films

Hayden Christensen says it was "quite the adventure" filming the period piece Outcast in China — an experience that was heightened by his co-star Nicolas Cage.

The Vancouver-born actor of Star Wars fame said he was in and around Beijing for nearly four months shooting the action movie, which is set in the 12th century.

"We were filming out in the rural countryside for the most part and some incredible environments. And then working with Nic Cage was a real treat," Christensen said in a recent phone interview.

"He's everything that you expect and more. A super, super nice guy and one of the most professional actors I've ever gotten to work with."

Christensen said that he and Cage portray knights from the Crusades in the film. When the Canadian star first crossed paths with the Oscar winner, Cage already appeared well on his way towards being immersed in his on-screen role.

"First time I met him, he was full on in character and didn't break character for the first couple of weeks," Christensen recalled. "He did a full-on English accent, he had like this wound on one eye, so he was walking around with one eye shut all of the time....

"(He's) just a very dedicated guy. Showed up, he knew all of his lines for the entire movie before we started filming. Just incredibly prepared, and it was really cool to get to work with him because I was a fan."

Hayden Christensen.
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The 32-year-old — who has starred in films including Shattered Glass, Jumper and Awake — appears poised for a return to the big screen. In addition to shooting the recent project with Cage, he is set to appear alongside yet another Oscar winner, joining Adrien Brody in American Heist.

Filmed in New Orleans, Christensen said the pair portray brothers who get caught up with the wrong crowd and "decide it's a good idea to go rob a bank."

Christensen catapulted to international fame with his starring role as Anakin Skywalker in two of the Star Wars prequels: 2002's Episode II - Attack of the Clones and Episode III - Revenge of the Sith, which was released in 2005.

The storied sci-fi franchise will be revived once again with the Walt Disney Co. producing a new Star Wars trilogy set to take place after the original three space epics.

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### 325 Rideau St.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 4 Sat 12:45
American Hustle (14A) Thu 6:30
Gloria (18A) Fri 6:50 Sat 9:30 Sun 12:30-6:45
La grande Bellezza (14A) Fri 9:05 Sat 3:35-6:30 Sun 8:55 Mon 4:15 Tue-Wed 6:30 Thu 9:20 Thu 9:20
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Tue 4:15 Wed 9:25
Notorious (PG) Tue 9:25 Wed 4:15
Royal Opera House: Carmen (STC) Sun 3 Mon 7:30

### Canadian Film Institute
### 2 Daly Ave., Suite 120

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Thu

### Canadian Museum of nature
### 240 McLeod St.

Flying Monsters 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-3:40
Flying Swords of Dragon Gate 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:05
Penguins 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:10 Fri-Thu 11:15-1:50

### Coliseum Ottawa
### 3090 Carling Ave.

3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10:20 Mon-Wed 4:45-7:30-10:20 Thu 1:15-4:45-7:30-10:20
About Last Night (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Wed 5:30-8-10:30 Thu 1:15-5:30-8-10:30
American Hustle (14A) Fri-Sat 6:55-10 Mon-Thu 6:55-10
Endless Love (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:20-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Frozen (G) Fri-Sun 12:40 Thu 1:35
Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Sun 3:30 Mon-Thu 4:15
Gunday (PG) Fri 12:05-3:20-6:35-9:55 Sat 12:05-6:35-9:55 Sun 12:05-3:20-6:35-9:55 Mon-Wed 6-9:30 Thu 3:30
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5:05-7:40 Mon-Wed 5:05-7:40 Thu 1:30-5:05-7:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:05-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:40-9:30
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-7-9:50 Mon-Wed 4-7-9:50 Thu 1:10-4-7-9:50
National Theatre Live: Coriolanus - Encore (STC) Sat 12:30
National Theatre Live: War Horse (STC) Thu 7
Pompeii 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:25-8 Mon-Wed 5:25-8 Thu 1:20-5:25-8 Fri-Sun 10:40 Mon-Thu 10:30
Ride Along (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40 Mon 4:10-9:40 Tue-Wed 4:10-6:50-9:40 Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:40
RoboCop (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:40 Mon-Wed 4:50-7:40-10:35 Thu 1:25-4:50-7:40-10:35
Takedown: The DNA of GSP (14A) Sat 4:30 Mon 7:30
That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri-Sun 10:35 Mon-Thu 10:25
Winter's Tale (PG) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Sat 4:30-7:20-10:15 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:20-10:15 Thu 1:25-4:30-7:20-10:15
WWE Elimination Chamber - 2014 (STC) Sun 8

### Mayfair Theatre
### 1074 Bank St.

Boss Nigger (STC) Fri 11:45
Caddyshack (14A) Sun 3:30 Mon 7
Here Comes the Devil (STC) Fri 9:30 Sat 8:45 Wed-Thu 9:30
The Invisible Woman (PG) Sun 6 Tue 7 Thu 7
Out of the Furnace (14A) Fri 7 Sat 6:15 Sun 8:30 Mon 9:15
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (STC) Sat 11
Shivers (18A) Tue 9:30
Third Contact (STC) Wed 7

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### Ottawa Family Cinema
### 710 Broadview Ave.

No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun-Thu

### Rainbow Cinemas
### St. Laurent Centre
### 1200 St. Laurent Blvd.

Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri-Thu 10:10-6:50-9:20
Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-3:25-9
Free Birds (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-4:45
Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:30
Her (14A) Fri-Thu 10-8:45
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 9:55-4:30-7:30
The Nut Job (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-2:50-4:50
Philomena (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-6:45
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-6:40-9:05
Walking With Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:35

### South Keys
### 2214 Bank St.

3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:25-4-6:55-9:35
American Hustle (14A) Fri 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sat 3:40-6:40-9:40 Sun-Tue 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40 Wed 12:20-3:30-10 Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40
Cats & Dogs (G) Sat 11
Endless Love (PG) Fri-Thu 11:20-1:55-4:45-7:20-9:50
Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 11:05-1:35
Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:15-7
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:35-7:05
The LEGO Movie 3D (G) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:10-3:45-6:30-9
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:15-4:05-6:50-9:45
National Theatre Live: Coriolanus - Encore (STC) Sat 12:30
National Theatre Live: War Horse (STC) Thu 7
Non-Stop (PG) No Passes Thu 9:40
Pompeii 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:25-2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55
RoboCop (PG) Fri-Thu 11-1:40-4:25-7:10-10:05
Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Moulin Rouge: The Ballet (STC) Sun 12:55 Wed 7
Starting Over Again (STC) Fri 10:55-1:45-4:30-7:15-9:55 Sat 10:30-1:05-4:30-7:15-9:55 Sun-Thu 10:55-1:45-4:30-7:15-9:55
That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri-Thu 10
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The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Sat 12:30-4:20-8:10 Sun 4:20-8:10 Mon-Wed 12:30-4:20-8:10 Thu 11:30-3

### Canadian Museum of Civilization
### 100 rue Laurier

Born to Be Wild (STC) Mon 10
Coral Reef Adventure (STC) Tue 10
Destination Pacific Sud 3D (STC) Fri 1-7 Sat-Tue 1 Wed-Thu 4
Grand Nord (STC) Fri 4 Sat 6 Sun 4 Thu 6
Great North (STC) Fri-Sun 3 Tue-Thu 3
Journey Into Amazing Caves (STC) Tue 11
Journey to the South Pacific: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri 11-2-5 Sat 11-2-5-7 Sun 11-2-5 Mon 11-2 Tue 2-5-7 Wed 11-2-5 Thu 2-5-8
Kenya 3D: Animal Kingdom (STC) Fri 12-6 Sat 12-8 Sun 12-6 Mon 12 Tue-Wed 12-6 Thu 12-7 Fri 8 Sat 1 Tue 4 Wed-Thu 7
L' incroyable voyage des papillons 3D (STC) Wed 1
Nés pour être libres (STC) Thu 10-11

### Cinéma Aylmer
### 400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne

Le Coq de St-Victor (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3-7:10 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3-7:10 Wed-Thu 7:10
Endless Love (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:10 Mon 6:40 Tue 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:10
Fanny (G) Fri 1
Le film LEGO (G) Fri-Sun 3:20 Tue 3:20
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-7-9:10 Tue 1-7-9:10 Wed 9:10 Thu 7-9:10
The Monuments Men (G) Fri-Sun 9:20 Tue-Thu 9:20
Opera in Cinema I Puritani (STC) Thu 7
RoboCop (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:30 Wed 6:50-9:30
Takedown: The DNA of GSP (13+) Sat 4:30 Mon 7:30

### Gatineau 9
### 120 boul. de l'Hôpital

Belle et Sébastien (G) Fri 11-1-3:30-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-7-9:15 Mon 7-9:15 Tue 1-3:30-7-9:15 Wed 7-9:15
Conte d'hiver (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:10 Mon 6:40-9:10 Tue 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:10 Wed 6:40-9:10
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Célibataires... ou presque (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:25-7:25-9:50 Mon 7:25-9:50 Tue 1:10-3:25-7:25-9:50 Wed 7:25-9:50
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La fête du travail (G) Fri 3-6:45 Sat 6:45 Sun 3-6:45 Tue 3-6:45 Wed 6:45
GSP: L'ADN d'un Champion (13+) Sat 4:30 Mon 7:30
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Les Monuments men (G) Fri-Thu 9:35
Non-Stop (13+) No Passes Thu 9:40
Opération noisettes (G) Fri 1:15 Sat 11:10-1:15 Sun 1:15 Tue 1:15
Opération noisettes 3D (G) Fri-Sun 3:30-5:45 Tue 3:30-5:45
Pompeii 3D (G) Fri 2:50-5:25-8-10:30 Sat 12:15-2:50-5:25-8-10:30 Sun 2:50-5:25-8-10:30 Mon 7:30-10 Tue 2:50-5:25-8-10:30 Wed-Thu 7:30-10
Ride Along (13+) Fri-Sun 3:25-5:50-8:10-10:30 Mon 7:20-9:40 Tue 3:25-5:50-8:10-10:30 Wed 7:20-9:40 Thu 7:20
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### SilverCity
### 2385 City Park Dr.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 1-4:10-7:15-10:25 Sat 4:10-7:15-10:25 Sun-Thu 1-4:10-7:15-10:25
3 Days to Kill (PG) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:15 Sat 11:10-1:50-4:35-7:20-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:15
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# Game of Thrones cast promises a new season full of twists and turns

**Action packed.**
Offscreen pals Kristian Nairn and Isaac Hempstead-Wright say season four will deliver the goods

Stars of HBO's hit series Game of Thrones, Kristian Nairn (Hodor) and Isaac Hempstead-Wright (Bran Stark) pose at a publicity event in Toronto this week.
LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

While the much buzzed-about Red Wedding episode delivered a gut punch to Game of Thrones fans, the new season of the fantasy epic appears poised to do more of the same with the potential for plenty of fresh plot twists.

"Some people thought that after the Red Wedding that that would be a major pinnacle of the action," said Kristian Nairn, who portrays Hodor in the hit series during a recent interview in Toronto alongside co-star Isaac Hempstead-Wright (Bran Stark).

"But it doesn't let up, the action doesn't let up, and season four is definitely non-stop."

Dressed casually in a hoodie, t-shirt and jeans with miniature tattoos of stars dotted above his right eye, the affable actor is strikingly different than his Games character Hodor, the simple-minded servant for the Starks. Hodor becomes a trusted companion to young Bran, tasked with carrying the boy who is paralyzed after being pushed from a tower window.

The onscreen kinship between Nairn and Hempstead-Wright has translated away from the cameras, as the pair share a laugh prior to their interview looking on a mobile phone at a photo of a dog sent in by a fan.

"We're definitely close in real life — and we didn't really have a choice not to be close. We were sort of forced into each other's proximity. I hope it comes across on camera," said Nairn.

"I'm very protective of Isaac — even in real life. I would like to think that that shows in the character."

Still, despite relishing his role, hoisting Hempstead-Wright on his back for lengthy shoots — often with several retakes — has become a bit of an occupational hazard for the six-foot-10 Nairn. "Painful. I've got numerous back injuries because of it," said Nairn. "He's literally three times the size he was when I first met him."

He looks at Hempstead-Wright: "You were four stone (56 pounds) when I first met you."

"I think I'm twice that now," the 14-year-old replied.

"Maybe more," countered Nairn. "I'll bet more."

"What have you got against my weight?" asked Hempstead-Wright, teasingly.

Nairn lets out a hearty laugh.

"On my back, I've got against it," he replied, jokingly. "He's definitely grown quite a lot."

For Hempstead-Wright, who lives in a secluded rural part of Kent in the U.K., he says life remains very much the same as when he first joined the acclaimed series, filming the pilot at age 10. Given the show's very adult subject matter, he admits his mother "didn't really want to watch it at all."

"It was a process, but in a sense that the violence wasn't so much a problem because you knew that it was all fake. You'd be walking around with dead bodies on the ground and taking pictures of them," he said. "My mum found the sex a bit more of a problem, and she just gave me equally inappropriate talks about it all."

Nairn said season four will be interesting in terms of story arc as the duo are joined by Jojen and Meera Reed (Thomas Brodie-Sangster and Ellie Kendrick) as they journey beyond the Wall along the northern border — and into potential danger.

"We're doing the completely sort of illogical thing because everybody else is trying to run as far away from the north as possible, and we're running straight into it," said Hempstead-Wright.

Neither of the stars have read the George R.R. Martin books but both are keen to read the scripts and admit there are inherent advantages to being a part of such a large ensemble.

"They need to have a big cast and the introduction to new characters to counter the huge loss every 10 minutes of different characters," said Hempstead-Wright.

"The characters make the show what it is because they're rich, there's intrigue, you never know what they're thinking or whether they're going to completely change tack. They interweave, and when you think one is completely miles away, they suddenly collide and you get this whole new storyline."

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**DVD release**

**Prior to the April 6 season premiere on HBO Canada, fans can revisit or catch up on the world of Westeros with Game of Thrones: The Complete Third Season now available on DVD, Blu-ray and for digital download.**

- The Blu-ray showcases bonus extras, including an in-episode guide with backgrounders on the characters, locations and relevant histories, as well as a comprehensive feature on the creation of the penultimate episode, The Rains of Castamere, with nearly two hours of never-before-seen material and fresh looks at the Red Wedding.

**Quoted**

**"The characters make the show what it is because they're rich, there's intrigue, you never know what they're thinking or whether they're going to completely change tack."** Isaac Hempstead-Wright, who plays Bran Stark

# With new album, Stephen Malkmus assures us he's 'just busy being me'

**Never a cliché.** Jicks frontman has a love for pop, but can't help marching to the beat of his own drummer

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

When we tell Stephen Malkmus that a lot of the songs on his new album with the Jicks, Wig Out at Jagbags, sound like classic rock, but with lyrics that are likely too clever for casual classic rock fans to embrace, we accidentally tap into a brief vein of existential angst.

"It doesn't last long, it doesn't really give you a pay off, it's like a tease, a tease of that kind of stuff; an elusive classic rock with no payoff," he begins to consider.

"That's sort of what I feel like life is often like. The big payoffs, we know they are false and we know that they have already been done. It's like we know our presidents lie and that there are huge losers in capitalism, it's part of our identity in this era."

But Malkmus seems like he's OK with this. He also seems fully immersed in this era.

He's been taking his kids, aged six and nine, to see concerts by pop acts like Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Lorde.

"I think that's how music is too," he says about the false big payoffs. "I can get transported by a person's voice occasionally and when it's the right mix of some emotion, just luckily sometimes. I can feel something transcendent occasionally, but even then I am kind of left just saying, 'Oh hey, nice work! They pulled that off.'"

**Quoted**

**"It doesn't last long, it doesn't really give you a pay off, it's like a tease, a tease of that kind of stuff; an elusive classic rock with no payoff."**

**Stephen Malkmus**
on the sound of his new album, Wig Out at Jagbags.

If Malkmus sounds cynical in conversation, the content on Wig Out is at the opposite end of the spectrum.

There's the aforementioned elusive classic rock sound, as well as sounds that are almost easy listening. The lyrics feel dashed off, but are never clichéd.

On Independence Street, one of the most classic rockingest tracks, Malkmus sings, "I don't have the stomach for your brandy/I can hardly sip your tea/I don't have no teeth left for your candy/I'm just busy being me."

There's even a nostalgic ode to going to see punk rock shows with Rumble at the Rainbo. It's important to note that the song about punk rock is not actually a punk rock song. It's more of a showy pop number.

For as long as Malkmus has been writing songs, he's always defied conventions, especially in his early beginnings with Pavement (this year historically marks the year that the Jicks have existed longer than Pavement).

But one has to wonder, will Malkmus ever take an honest stab at something that does give the masses that payoff?

"There's no point to doing that for us," he says. "I just kind of don't have the mind for that. The thing to do is to make a catchphrase whatever it is, I Put a Spell on You, Daydream Believer, just one thing, and that's kind of the song and then it all just flows around that. That's a pop song, lyrically.

"I think I probably could write one of those lines and keep repeating it at the chorus and it almost doesn't even matter what you say, except that some things might be poetic in rare cases, or even not even poetic but emotional, but that formula just feels like a jingle-writer to me.

"I have thought about it, I understand it, and I appreciate the simple genius of people that can do that. I don't think it's anything really to talk down about, I just don't do it. Maybe I can't do it. It doesn't interest me. I like the sentiment of songs that do that. It encapsulates a lot of feeling in a small amount of words."

**Running on Pavement**

**On the Wig Out at Jagbags song J Smoov, a horn plays a light riff that sounds a lot like the "nanny nanny boo boo" melody of the Pavement song, Stereo. This is news to Malkmus. "Good point! I didn't think of that," he says. "I don't even think the guy who played that knew. The guy that did that, he was just really talented, I just ran three horn solos, and he just did that."**

**Tour dates**

**Stephen Malkmus and the Jicks play Toronto Saturday at Lee's Palace.**

- They'll be in Montreal Sunday at Cafe Campus.
- For tour info, check out stephenmalkmus.com.

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# Dominic Monaghan is no softy for nostalgia

**Focusing on the now.** Former Lost star says he won't be part of an upcoming reunion marking the show's 10th anniversary

Dominic Monaghan says he's not interested in looking back on his role as drug-addled rocker Charlie on the ABC smash hit Lost, which debuted in 2004.

Several of Monaghan's former Lost co-stars are expected to gather at the Paleyfest television festival next month in Hollywood, where one of the marquee events will be a 10th anniversary celebration.

Monaghan says he'll be in Stockholm working on a Swedish TV show at the time.

But he also says he's not a fan of attending reunions in general. He notes that he hasn't done many reunions for The Lord of the Rings, nor does he go to high school reunions.

He says he prefers to focus on the present, such as his current nature and travel series for OLN, Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan. A second season debuts March 25.

"It's very strange for me to look back on anything in my life," Monaghan said Thursday during a stop in Toronto to promote the OLN series.

"I'm reminded of things like Lord of the Rings or X-Men or Lost but I don't dwell on those things. It's really hard to explain. You have to be careful in the position that I'm in to not get too fixated on those things because you're already in a world where people have a fan-type element to the work that you do which is present."

"So if you're constantly aware of all the other fan-type elements that you've done in the past with certain films or certain TV shows they compound on top of each other and then your ego gets messed around with and I don't want to do that."

Monaghan's diverse roles include the hobbit known as Merry in The Lord of the Rings trilogy, a quantum physicist on the short-lived TV show FlashForward, and an electrical-powered mutant known as Bolt in X-Men Origins: Wolverine.

Monaghan adds that he nonetheless loved working on Lost and is proud of the show.

"It was one of the best first seasons of a TV show of all time and one of the best pilot episodes ever, if not the best. But you know, I did it. I did it 100 per cent, it's done." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Quoted**

**"It's very strange for me to look back on anything in my life."**

Dominic Monaghan

Actor Dominic Monaghan says he'll be in Stockholm working on a Swedish TV show during the Lost reunion in Hollywood next month. GETTY IMAGES

Victoria Beckham ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Posh ready to Spice up middle-class fashion

Posh Spice is getting decidedly less posh, all in the name of brand expansion. Victoria Beckham is reportedly going to start making clothes for the common folk, according to Radar Online. "Victoria has decided to branch her label out of its very upmarket roots," a source says. "She'll finally be able to crack the mid-range department store market that has made millions for stars like Jessica Simpson." Yes, but will she be able to look at herself in the mirror? "It took Victoria a while because she can be so stuck up about everything," the source explains. "But she's finally admitted to herself and her team that she'd like to conquer a store such as Macy's and not just be known for high-end clothing."
In an interview with Metro last year, Beckham acknowledged that her role as a fashion designer is to "empower" women. "I'm proud of what I've achieved with my team and with how my business is growing," she told us. "I'm glad that I can make women feel empowered. Because that's ultimately why I do what I do."

Jennifer Lawrence

## Those good rumours about 'lovely' Lawrence are true

All the reports about Jennifer Lawrence being completely down-to-earth and relatable are apparently on the up and up. Clarista Hoult, sister to Lawrence's boyfriend Nicholas Hoult, tells Heat magazine that the Oscar-winner is "lovely" and "really easy to talk to" in real life. "She doesn't seem like a Hollywood type. She just (fits) in," Clarista tells the magazine. "We didn't talk about work. We talked about what was on the TV."

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## *Empathetic Franco worried about the shape Shia is in*

Well, this was inevitable. As Shia LaBeouf contends with responses to his "performance art" piece from last week, #IAMSORRY, fellow actor and high-brow aspirant James Franco has taken to the New York Times Op-Ed page to voice his opinion on the matter. "Though the wisdom of some of his actions may seem questionable, as an actor and artist I'm inclined to take an empathetic view of his conduct," Franco writes. "This behaviour could be a sign of many things, from a nervous breakdown to mere youthful recklessness. For Mr. LaBeouf's sake I hope it is nothing serious." Franco recounts his own decision to join the daytime soap opera General Hospital, as a means "to undermine the tacit — or not so tacit — hierarchy of entertainment," before concluding: "I think Mr. LaBeouf's project, if it is a project, is a worthy one. I just hope that he is careful not to use up all the good will he has gained as an actor in order to show us that he is an artist."

Selena Gomez

## 'Heartbroken' Gomez puts a target on Miley's back

Selena Gomez is apparently out for blood after hearing about Miley Cyrus' rumoured hook-up with Justin Bieber — and she's bringing in backup. According to Life & Style, Gomez has enlisted the help of pals Taylor Swift and Demi Lovato to enact her revenge. "All four girls used to be friendly, but when Selena heard Miley started making moves on Justin, it went downhill," a source says. "Both Taylor and Demi know how heartbroken Selena has been, and they hate what Miley did to her." Gomez's camp has reportedly started freezing Cyrus out of lucrative appearances and "trash-talking" her to anyone who will listen around Hollywood, while Cyrus herself is said to be taking steps to keep her distance. "She checks in with club owners and event planners to make sure those girls won't be around," a source says.

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I like to play a game in macrobiotic restaurants. It's called "homeless socialist or Patti Smith?"

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That preacher who died when the snake he was handling bit him? Combines the 2 things I hate most in life: religion and prop comedy

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# Rhône rules

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With French wines on the comeback trail, one region in particular has found a place in the hearts and mouths of wine lovers.

Though the Rhône valley is not as flashy as Bordeaux and Champagne or as mysterious as Burgundy, its wines combine Old World charm with New World drinkability.

The southern France valley is divided into two parts. In the north the wines get their fuller flavours thanks to the dominance of the syrah grape. The lighter wines in the south are ruled by grenache, a major influence on the region's most famous wine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Père Anselme's 2011 La Fiole Côtes-du-Rhône ($14.99 -$18.99) is 85 per cent grenache. Its smooth blend of blackcurrant, licorice and bright berries comes wrapped in Anselme's famous crooked bottle.

A Côtes-du-Rhône is one of the few reds I think pairs well with a meaty bowl of chili. Try it with winter stews, sausage-based dishes and roast turkey dinners as well. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

# Peachy-keen on crumble

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**1.** Preheat oven to 200°C (400°F). Roll out pastry between 2 sheets of non-stick baking paper into a rough round about 5 mm thick.
**2.** Place the pastry on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper. Spread the pastry with the jam leaving a 5 cm border. Top the jam with the peaches. Fold over the pastry to form a rim.
**3.** To make the crumble topping, combine the butter, almonds, flour, sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle in clumps over the top of the peaches.
**4.** Bake for 25 minutes or until pastry and the crumble top are golden. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

**Ingredients**

- 350 g store-bought or homemade sweet shortcrust pastry
- 3 tablespoons apricot jam
- 3 peaches, sliced
- vanilla ice cream, to serve

**Crumble topping**

- 40 g butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, finely chopped
- ¼ cup (35g) plain (all-purpose) flour
- 2 tablespoons caster (superfine) sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Looking for a savoury and a sweet to put on the table pronto? Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how with recipes from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

# Stir-fried shrimp fill out an omelette nicely

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**Ingredients**

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons grated ginger
- 1 long red chilli, finely sliced
- 4 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 10 large green (raw) prawns (shrimp), peeled and cleaned
- 4 cups cooked jasmine rice
- soy and chilli sauces, to serve

**1.** Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add half the sesame oil and half the egg and swirl to coat the pan.

**2.** Cook for 1 minute or until the egg has set. Remove from pan, set aside and repeat with remaining egg and oil.

**3.** Heat the frying pan over high heat. Add the vegetable oil, ginger, chilli and onion and cook for 1 minute.

**4.** Add the prawns and cook for 3 minutes.

**5.** Add the rice and cook for 2–3 minutes or until warmed through.

**6.** Place the omelettes on serving plates and spoon over the rice mixture. Drizzle with soy and chilli sauces to serve.

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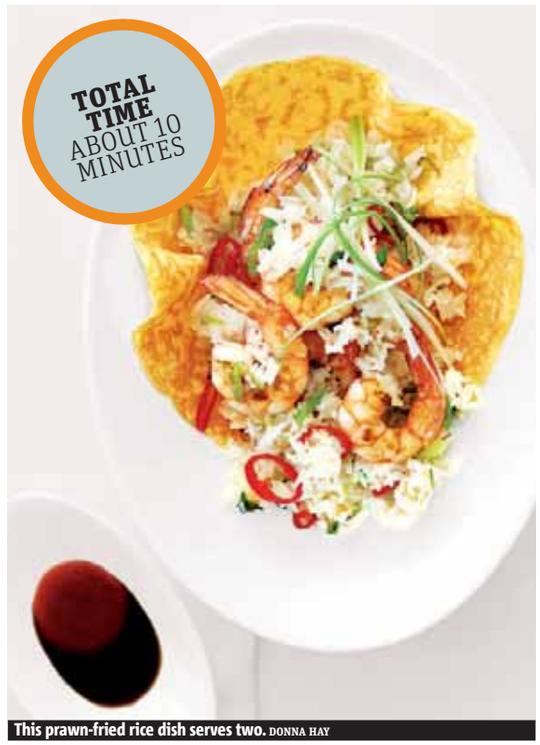


This prawn-fried rice dish serves two. DONNA HAY

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# Red, white and gold

**Women's hockey.** Canada wins fourth straight Olympic title with comeback win over U.S. capped in OT

Team Canada celebrates its overtime win in the women's gold-medal hockey game in front of Anne Schleper of the U.S. on Thursday in Sochi, Russia. Canada won 3-2. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Once again, Marie-Philip Poulin's heroics put Canada on top of the women's hockey podium at the Winter Olympics.

Poulin's goal at 8:10 of overtime gave Canada a 3-2 win over the archrival Americans in the gold-medal final at the Sochi Winter Games on Thursday.

It was her second goal of the game after she tied the score with just 55 seconds left in regulation.

"I don't know what to say, it's so surreal and a dream come true again," she said.

It's a historic fourth straight gold medal for Canada. The only other women's team to win more consecutive Olympic gold is the U.S. in women's basketball with five in a row from 1996 to 2012.

Poulin was a heroine of Canada's gold in Vancouver four years ago. She scored twice in a 2-0 win over the Americans.

"It doesn't feel real yet but I'm an Olympic gold medallist," said Canadian defenceman Jocelyne Larocque.

The dramatic win came for a Canadian team that has faced adversity in recent months with their coach Dan Church resigning in December and Kevin Dineen taking over just weeks before the Sochi Games.

The Canadians took to Dineen right away and he kept them calm Thursday.

"He was so confident in us, going into overtime our coach just told us to be calm and play our game," said Poulin. "He totally believed in us."

The Canada-U.S. rivalry is a bitter one with the teams coming to blows in exhibition games played in the lead-up to Sochi. Canada had lost four straight coming into the Olympics but won when the teams squared off in the round-robin earlier in the Games.

"I'm proud of the fight that we put up for the whole game," said American captain Meghan Duggan. "I'm proud to wear this jersey always, no matter if win or lose.

"It's not the result we wanted," she added, her voice breaking and tears starting to flow.

Trailing 1-0 after two periods and down two goals deep into the third, Canada scored twice in the final 3:26 of the regulation and suddenly the gold that had been slipping away was within reach again.

"It was a hard game," said Canadian veteran Hayley Wickenheiser. "We came back, we never quit, and we believed in ourselves."

Canada's Brianne Jenner halved the deficit at 16:34 of the third with a shot that deflected off of U.S. defender Kacey Bellamy's knee and over goalie Jessie Vetter.

With Shannon Szabados pulled from Canada's net for an extra attacker, forward Kelli Stack's attempted empty-netter that would have sealed the gold for the Americans hit the post.

Meghan Duggan and Alex Carpenter were the goal scorers for the U.S.

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**Golden dynasty**

**With four straight gold medals in women's hockey, Hayley Wickenheiser, Jayna Hefford and Caroline Ouellette joined Soviet biathlete Alexander Tikhonov and German speedskater Claudia Pechstein as gold medallists in four consecutive Winter Games.**

The puck hits the post with Canada's goalie pulled late in the women's gold-medal game against the United States on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Mere inches cost U.S. gold medal

Wearing a stars and stripes bandana, Kelli Stack patiently answered reporters' questions and then walked away when her media duties were done.

She could not get two feet before the tears started.

With Canada down 2-1 and having pulled its goalie late in the Olympic women's hockey final Thursday, the U.S. forward had a long-range shot at the empty Canadian net.

It seemed destined to go in the gaping goal but instead rang off the right post with 1:26 remaining. Marie-Philip Poulin scored 31 seconds later and Canada, thanks to another Poulin score, went on to win in overtime.

Both sides were left to wonder what might have been in a thrilling showdown between the two heavyweights of the women's game.

At the time, "I was thinking 'Oh that would have been nice if that went in, an inch to the right,'" Stack said.

"We were still up a goal so I'm like 'it's not that big of a deal.'"

Less than a minute later, the 26-year-old from Brooklyn Heights, Ohio, had a different thought.

**Divine intervention**

**"Thankfully, there's a god, it hit the post and we were able to keep the puck alive and still have a one-goal deficit."**

Canadian captain Caroline Ouellette

"After they tied it up I thought to myself 'I've done that once before in my career in college and it's the worst feeling in the world.'"

The shot attempt came about after the official got in Canadian defenceman's Catherine Ward's way, allowing Stack to clear the puck from just inside the U.S. blue-line.

"I was a little bit frustrated with the referee," said Ward.

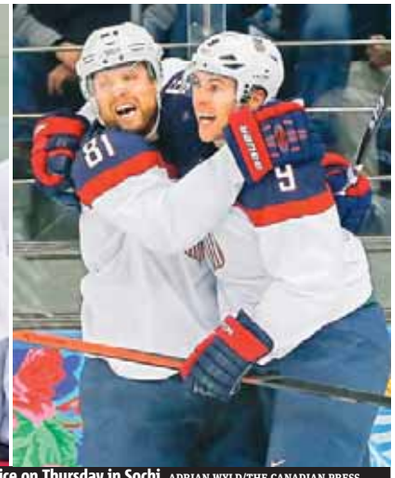
But when the puck hit the post, Ward told herself "it's meant to be. This is our chance, we have to keep going."

U.S. coach Katey Stone chalked the play up to bad luck.

"When those things happen in the game of hockey you start to wonder if it is your night," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# It's the semifinal countdown

**Deh-neh-neh-neh, deh-neh-neh-neh-neh...** Rematch the hockey world's been waiting for promises to settle a few scores



Left: Canadian players Sidney Crosby, from left, Jonathan Toews and Jeff Carter share a laugh at practice on Thursday in Sochi. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS
Right: Phil Kessel has been stellar for the Americans, scoring five goals while playing with Zach Parise. PETR DAVID JOSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 19,000 kilometres separate Vancouver and Sochi, and four years have passed since Sidney Crosby scored his golden goal.

Team Canada and the United States meet again at the Olympics on Friday, but almost everything — from the size of the rink to the expectations and the stage — has changed since their last meeting at the 2010 Games.

Most importantly, it's not for the gold medal but rather a spot in the final.

"It seems like we were on a crash course to meet those guys," U.S. centre David Backes said. "And we get them in the semifinal instead of the final, which would have been a little more storybook."

**Another gear?**

**"Against a North American team, I think this is where we really pick it up and show how we can score."**
Drew Doughty

Throw out the storybook and throw out history. Based strictly on a tournament the Americans have rolled through, they look like the favourites against Canada for the first time at the Olympics since NHL players began participating.

Only Backes and his U.S. teammates are embracing the underdog role and trying to deflate high expectations, while Drew Doughty and Canada want to pump themselves up.

"We don't see ourselves as the underdog," Doughty said. "I think both teams are really evenly matched. I don't know who I would give the upper hand to at this point. But I'm obviously more confident in my team than theirs."

Confidence was brimming from both sides a day before meeting with a chance to clinch a spot in the gold-medal game against Sweden or Finland.

It's easy to see where it's coming from for the Americans, who have outscored opponents 20-6 through four games. While Canadian coach Mike Babcock pointed out that it has been "easy" for the U.S. to score, mostly against Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, Backes doesn't see it that way.

"I don't think it's come easy at all, we've had to work for everything we've gotten, second chances, rebounds, dirty goals," he said. "Everything we've gotten we've worked for and we plan to work for everything we're going to get in the future."

U.S. coach Dan Bylsma said there's no "secret" to what his team has done to lead the tournament in scoring. The win over Russia featured two power-play goals, and the rest of the production has been spread around, whether it be Phil Kessel's five goals in pretty fashion or Dustin Brown's two with some grease on them.

Still, Bylsma doesn't want his team to try to go chance-for-chance with the deep Canadians.

"They have more skill and they're a deeper team but we're a harder team to play against," Bylsma said. "We're going to match up and go toe-to-toe with them that way."

The feeling around the pre-tournament favourite Canadians is that even after scoring just 13 goals through four games, more are bound to come if quality opportunities keep piling up.

"I think we're going to get more opportunities than we've been getting," said Matt Duchene, who will replace the injured John Tavares in Canada's lineup. "I know it's only a matter of time before the dam bursts and we start scoring a lot of goals."

If Canada scores goals at the pace its players do during an NHL regular season, there's no way the U.S. can keep up. That's one thing the Canadians are hoping for by not playing a European team — that this will be a bit more of a North American-style game.

But, again, this is not Vancouver. The ice is still 15 feet wider at Bolshoy Ice Dome than it was at Rogers Arena four years ago, meaning it cannot possibly be the exact same brand of hockey that produced that legendary gold-medal game. "2010's all over with," Team Canada coach Mike Babcock said. "We're at a new opportunity both for them and for u s . The teams are different. You have an opportunity right now to make memories for the rest of your life."
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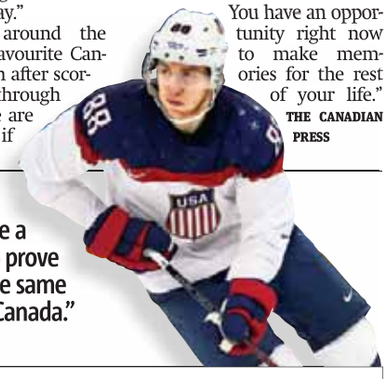

**U.S. and them**

**"I think we have a chance to try to prove that we're in the same sentence with Canada."**
U.S. forward Patrick Kane

**Battle of North America**

## American depth hard to deny

**Offence** — No one's filling the net at these Olympics like the Americans, led by five goals from Phil Kessel and three from David Backes. The U.S. can roll three scoring lines deep, wave after wave. Canada, on the other hand, doesn't know where the next one is coming from but Drew Doughty and Shea Weber would be good bets. They have more players capable of making something out of nothing, but the U.S. have had more forwards actually do it. **Edge:** U.S.

Shea Weber
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**Defence** — Even considering the opponents were Norway, Austria, Finland and Latvia, three goals against in four games for Canada is pretty good. Canada has figured out how to manage the big ice, at least in bottling up opponents. The U.S. defence, save for the Russia game, hasn't been tested much. There are more opportunities for mistakes of youth for the Americans. Mike Babcock's defence has been nearly flawless. **Edge:** Canada

**Goaltending** — Judging from Babcock's comments and actions, this was Carey Price's job to lose. Price did nothing to show he shouldn't be in net. But there's also concern that he hasn't really faced a tough opponent. Price has allowed one goal in each of his three starts, stopping 48 of 51 shots.

U.S. starter Jonathan Quick was clearly Bylsma's choice all along after winning the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP during the Los Angeles Kings' Stanley Cup run in 2012. The Canadians better hope Quick, who has allowed five goals on 77 shots in these Olympics, doesn't find that groove. **Edge:** United States **Prediction:** U.S. 4, Canada 2 THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Battle of Scandinavia**

## Team game makes Finns hard to tame

**Offence** — Finland has scored more goals through four games (18) than Sweden (15), which is impressive considering the Finns are playing without their top four centres in Mikko Koivu, Saku Koivu, Valtteri Filppula and Aleksander Barkov. The ageless Teemu Selanne, pictured, leads the way with four goals. Eleven other players have goals, a testament to Finland's team concept. Sweden, even without Henrik Zetterberg and Henrik Sedin, has more high-end skill. Defenceman Erik Karlsson, like he does with the Senators, is Sweden's leading scorer with seven points. Sweden's offence is scary. **Edge:** Sweden

Erik Karlsson
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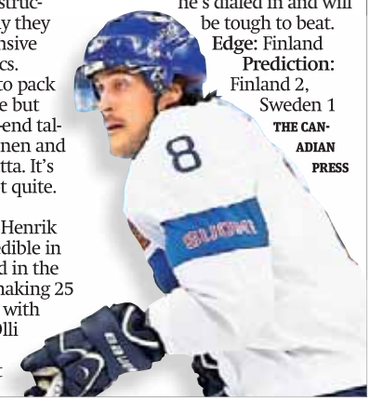
**Defence** — This is one area where the roster on paper is slightly different from results on the ice. Going into Sochi, Sweden's blue-line could stack up against just about anyone's. But Finland has shown to be so structured, it's hard to say they aren't the best defensive team in the Olympics. There's a tendency to pack the middle of the ice but they also have back-end talent in Kimmo Timonen and 19-year-old Olli Maatta. It's almost even, but not quite. **Edge:** Finland

**Goaltending** — Henrik Lundqvist was incredible in 2006 against Finland in the gold-medal game, making 25 saves including one with 20 seconds left on Olli Jokinen. It was so memorable the first thing the goalie said to the big centre when he came to the Rangers was "Hey, remember that?" But right now Lundqvist is second-best to Tuukka Rask. In beating Russia, Rask benefited from some good defence, but he was brilliant himself. There are holes in Rask's resumé, but he's dialed in and will be tough to beat. **Edge:** Finland **Prediction:** Finland 2, Sweden 1 THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Figure skating. Russia's teen phenom outskates veteran field to win gold

Adelina Sotnikova turned her final spin, then burst into tears.

Sotnikova wasn't even Russia's top-ranked teenager in Sochi, but the unheralded skater slayed a field full of veterans Thursday to give Russia its first-ever Olympic gold medal in women's singles.

"This is the happiest day in my life," Sotnikova said. "I simply stepped on the ice today and realized how much I like what I'm doing and skated really good."

The 17-year-old from Moscow, who finished well back in ninth at the world championships last March and arrived in Sochi in the shadow of her adored teammate Julia Lipnitskaia, scored 224.59 points to capture the gold.

South Korean star Yuna Kim, the 2010 Olympic champion, scored 219.11 for the silver, while Carolina Kostner of Italy won the bronze with 216.73.

"It's the Olympics," said Sotnikova. "And it was a long way for me. To compete at the Olympic Games, I dreamed of any medal, but frankly speaking, I wanted a gold one."

Adelina Sotnikova of Russia
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Kaetlyn Osmond of Marystown, N.L., was the top Canadian in 13th while Gabrielle Daleman of Newmarket, Ont., was 17th.

The Russians won three figure skating gold medals at these Olympics: team, pairs and women's. Canada won three silver — Patrick Chan in men's singles, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir in ice dance, and team.

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**Figure skating**

## Former Japanese PM slams Asada

The head of Tokyo's 2020 Olympic organizing committee has criticized Japanese figure skater Mao Asada's performance in the women's short program at the Sochi Olympics.

The two-time world champion finished 16th in Wednesday's short program after falling on her opening triple axel. Asada was a silver medallist at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, where she finished second to South Korea's Yuna Kim.

Mao Asada
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Former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, who became the Tokyo 2020 organizing committee's chairman last month, said Asada has a habit of "always falling at the most critical time" of a competition.

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Jennifer Jones and Kaitlyn Lawes rest their heads on each other as they stand on the podium with Jill Officer, second from left, and Dawn McEwen after defeating Sweden to win the gold medal in the Olympic curling final in Sochi, Thursday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Stone gold Jones best in the world

**Curling.** Undefeated skip's gamble in the 9th vs. Swedes places her among best of all time

As Jennifer Jones crouched in the hack, cleaning the rock in advance of her last throw, she was already cracking a grin.

As the stone made its way down the ice, the smile got even broader. And when the rock reached the other end, the beaming Winnipeg skip was jumping for joy.

Olympic champion. Perfect record. Money in the bank.

Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen defeated Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson 6-3 on Thursday in a tense final decided by Canada's steal of two in the ninth. Only then were the Canadian women able to relax and bring out the smiles that have been their Olympic trademark here.

"We're Olympic gold medallists," said a jubilant Jones, wearing the same gold eye shadow she favoured in Wednesday's semifinal. "It's something that you dream of for your entire life. It's what every athlete wants to do and we did it today.

"And we did it in a way where we played so consistent all week. On the biggest stage for sport, we came out and played our best. And I'm so, so proud of us."

The win at the Ice Cube Curling Center improved Canada's record at the Games to 11-0, matching Canadian skip Kevin Martin's feat of winning the 2010 Olympic crown without a loss.

Jones, 39, has now added Olympic gold to the world championship she won in 2008 as well as four Canadian titles.

It's Canada's second women's curling gold. The late Sandra Schmirler won the first in Nagano, Japan, in 1998.

The performance will trigger debate of where Jones belongs in the women's curling pantheon.

One of the greatest of all time?

"I would completely, 100 per cent agree.... Probably one of the best skips to ever play the game," said the 38-year-old Officer, who has been at Jones' curling side for 20 years.

"Best in the world," added the 25-year-old Lawes. "She's an amazing, amazing talent in our sport. And as a person, she's an amazing human being. I've never met anyone kinder."

Her teammates credit Jones for motivating them and making them better curlers. They cite her determination, leadership and ability to think outside the box.

"I would never want anyone else throwing that last rock. I have 100 per cent confidence in her every single shot she throws," said Lawes.

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**Feeling it**

**"It was a little bit of a gamble but I felt so good with the speed all week and the girls have just swept and judged it perfectly.... If it stops a foot higher it's no good at all.... So no guts, no glory."**

**Canada skip Jennifer Jones,** on the pressure shot she nailed with her last rock of the ninth to lie two vs. Sweden.

**Brits vs. Swiss**

**Britain's Eve Muirhead, the 2013 world champion, defeated Switzerland's Mirjam Ott 6-5 for the bronze medal earlier Thursday.**

# Canada's medal hopes dashed as France sweeps

**Skicross.** A second straight Olympics ends in letdown for Leman

Canada's Brady Leman hangs his head after placing fourth in Thursday's men's skicross event in Sochi, Russia. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians Brady Leman, Chris Del Bosco and David Duncan were hoping to sweep the top three spots in men's skicross at the Winter Olympics on Thursday but it was France that ended up owning the podium.

Adding insult to injury was Leman finished fourth — just as Del Bosco did when skicross made its Olympic debut in Vancouver in 2010.

Jean-Frederic Chapuis, Arnaud Bovolenta and Jonathan Midol won the gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. It was the first time France swept the medals in a Winter Games event.

"I can't explain how it feels," said Midol. "We had a dream to make the podium with friends. The Olympic Games — three French on the podium is incredible."

Leman reached the final after dominating the two previous rounds, but got off to a slow start and then fell while trying furiously to catch up.

"I was in disbelief, almost, when I was lying there," the Calgary skier said. "But it's part of skicross."

After surviving a near-collision with Switzerland's Alex Fiva in the opening round, Leman easily won his quarter-final and semifinal races, shooting out to good starts and keeping the lead. But it was the exact opposite in the final.

It was a second Olympics in a row to end in disappointment for Leman. At the Vancouver Games, he didn't get to compete after fracturing a leg during a practice run.

Leman shrugged off talk he may have been intentionally shut out by the French skiers.

Del Bosco, of Montreal, and Duncan, of London, Ont., were eliminated in the opening round. Del Bosco finished 17th overall and Duncan wound up 26th. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**The agony of defeat**

**"I gave myself a really good chance today, and I'm really proud of that, but it sucks to be so close to the podium."** **Calgary skier Brady Leman** reacts to his mishap in Thursday's race.

**Bobsled**

## Moyse to skip Rugby World Cup

Olympic bobsled champion Heather Moyse says she won't compete at the Women's Rugby World Cup this summer.

The 35-year-old from Summerside, P.E.I., was the leading scorer at the 2006 World Cup and tied for most tries at the 2010 tournament. Moyse and Kaillie Humphries of Calgary defended their title Wednesday night, overtaking a rival American sled in the last heat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MEDALS

| Nation | G | S | B | Tot. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States of America | 8 | 6 | 11 | 25 |
| Russian Federation | 7 | 9 | 7 | 23 |
| Netherlands | 6 | 7 | 9 | 22 |
| Norway | 10 | 4 | 7 | 21 |
| **Canada** | **7** | **9** | **4** | **20** |
| Germany | 8 | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| France | 4 | 4 | 7 | 15 |
| Sweden | 2 | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| Switzerland | 6 | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| Austria | 2 | 6 | 2 | 10 |
| Czech Republic | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Japan | 1 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Italy | 0 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| Slovenia | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Belarus | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| People's Republic of China | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| South Korea | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |

## WHAT CANADA DID

### THURSDAY

**CURLING**

**Women's Final -** Canada defeated Sweden 6-3 to capture the **gold medal**, its first in women's curling since 1998. The Winnipeg rink, consisting of skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen, became the first women's team to go through the Olympics undefeated.

**FIGURE SKATING**

**Ladies Free Program -** Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) received 112.80 points in her free program to finish 13th overall (168.98), while Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) scored 95.83, 17th overall (148.44).

**FREESTYLE SKIING**

**Men's Ski Cross -** Brady Leman of Calgary fell in the final and ended up fourth, allowing the three other French finalists to sweep the podium positions. Chris Del Bosco of Montreal and Dave Duncan of London, Ont., were eliminated in the opening round and finished 17th and 26th overall respectively.

**Ladies' Ski Halfpipe -** Rosalind Groenewoud of Calgary finished 7th overall (74.20 points), while Keltie Hansen of Edmonton failed to qualify for the final and placed 13th overall.

**ICE HOCKEY**

**Women's Final -** Canada won its fourth straight Olympic **gold medal** in women's hockey, defeating the United States 3-2 in overtime. Marie-Philip Poulin scored with 55 seconds left in the third period to send it into overtime, and also scored the golden goal on the power play at the 8:10 mark.

## CURLING

**All Times Eastern**
**MEN**
**Wednesday's results**
**SEMIFINALS**
**Canada 10** China 6
Britain 6 Sweden 5
**Friday's games**
**BRONZE MEDAL**
Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.
**GOLD MEDAL**
Britain vs. **Canada,** 8:30 a.m.
**WOMEN**
**Wednesday's results**
**SEMIFINALS**
**Canada 6** Britain 4
Sweden 7 Switzerland 5
**Thursday's results**
**BRONZE MEDAL**
Britain 6 Switzerland 5
**GOLD MEDAL**
**Canada 6** Sweden 3

### CANADA 6, SWEDEN 3

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canada | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2—6 |
| Sweden | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—3 |

**CANADA**

**Team Shots:** 77, **Points:** 253, **Percentage:** 82.
**Jennifer Jones, Shots:** 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
**Kaitlyn Lawes, Shots:** 20, **Points:** 54, **Percentage:** 68.
**Jill Officer, Shots:** 20, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 76.
**Dawn McEwen, Shots:** 18, **Points:** 71, **Percentage:** 99.

**SWEDEN**

**Team Shots:** 77, **Points:** 266, **Percentage:** 86.
**Maria Prytz, Shots:** 18, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 85.
**Christina Bertrup, Shots:** 20, **Points:** 63, **Percentage:** 79.
**Maria Wennerstroem, Shots:** 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
**Margaretha Sigfridsson, Shots:** 20, **Points:** 75, **Percentage:** 94.

## HOCKEY

**All times Eastern**
**MEN**
**Wednesday's results**
**QUARTERFINALS**
**Canada 2** Latvia 1
Sweden 5 Slovenia 0
Finland 3 Russia 1
United States 5 Czech Republic 2
**Friday's games**
**SEMIFINALS**
Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.
**Canada** at United States, 12 p.m.
**Saturday's game**
**BRONZE MEDAL GAME**
Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.
**Sunday's game**
**GOLD MEDAL GAME**
Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.
**WOMEN**
**Thursday's results**
**BRONZE MEDAL GAME**
Switzerland 4 Sweden 3
**GOLD MEDAL GAME**
**Canada 3** United States 2 (OT)

### CANADA 3, U.S. 2 (OT)

**First Period** — No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Watchorn Cda (Body Checking Minor) 2:01, Mikkelson Cda (roughing) 6:13, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 8:01, Watchorn Cda (tripping) 14:04, Bellamy U.S. (holding) 15:30.
**Second Period**
1. United States, Duggan 1 (Lamoureux) 11:57.
**Penalties** — Stack U.S. (hooking) 7:10, Schleper U.S. (cross-checking) 14:14.
**Third Period**
2. United States, Carpenter 1 (Knight, Stack) 2:01 (pp).
3. Canada, Jenner 1 (Mikkelson, Larocque) 16:34.
4. Canada, Poulin 1 (Johnston, Irwin) 19:05.
**Penalties** — Watchorn Cda (tripping) 0:07.
**Overtime**
5. Canada, Poulin 2 (Fortino) 8:10 (pp).
**Penalties** — Ward Cda (cross-checking) 6:09, Lamoureux U.S. (slashing) 6:15, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 7:31.
**Shots**

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| Canada | 9 | 8 | 10 | 4—31 |
| United States | 11 | 5 | 8 | 5—29 |

**Goal** — Canada: Szabados (W); United States: Vetter (L). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Canada: 1-7; United States: 1-5.
**Referees** — Joy Tottman, **Linesmen** — Ilona Novotna, Zuzana Svobodova.
**Attendance** — 10,639 at Sochi, Russia.

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### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Even if you are the kind of Aries who loves surprises what happens today won't necessarily meet with your approval, especially if the joke is on you.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Patience and a sense of humour are a must today. Something is about to happen that not only takes you by surprise but makes your plans redundant, much to your annoyance.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Disruptions are likely across the board today but chances are you won't be as inconvenienced as some people. The good news is that upheavals tend to create new opportunities, so keep your eyes open.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Whatever activities you had lined up for the next 24 hours you may have to think again because unforeseen events will change everything. You may also have to let go of an idea you were attached to.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
You will discover something new about a friend or colleague today and although it may shock you a bit you will also be impressed, not least because they managed to keep it a secret so long.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Something dramatic will happen today and you won't be that impressed. However, if you keep your wits about you this is one surprise that can be turned in your favour.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You may be bumpier than usual today but that's okay because you are not the sort to panic. You do like to spend money to make yourself feel better and that may be a mistake.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
You need to confront a fear that has been holding you back and you need to do it now. A little bit of courage will take you a long way.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Either you will change your mind and annoy other people, or they will change their minds and annoy you. Either way tempers are going to be a bit on the short side over the next 24 hours.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Don't waste your time or your energy on someone who seems determined to get under your skin. Don't let this feud go on or could develop into something quite dangerous. Just walk away.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Just because you see things in a clear and logical way does not mean other people see with the same kind of eyes or understanding. You will encounter someone today who is rather dull-witted.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Most things are going your way right now but Saturn, planet of restriction, is still holding you back from following your dream. Take it as a sign that you're not ready to make that dream a reality.

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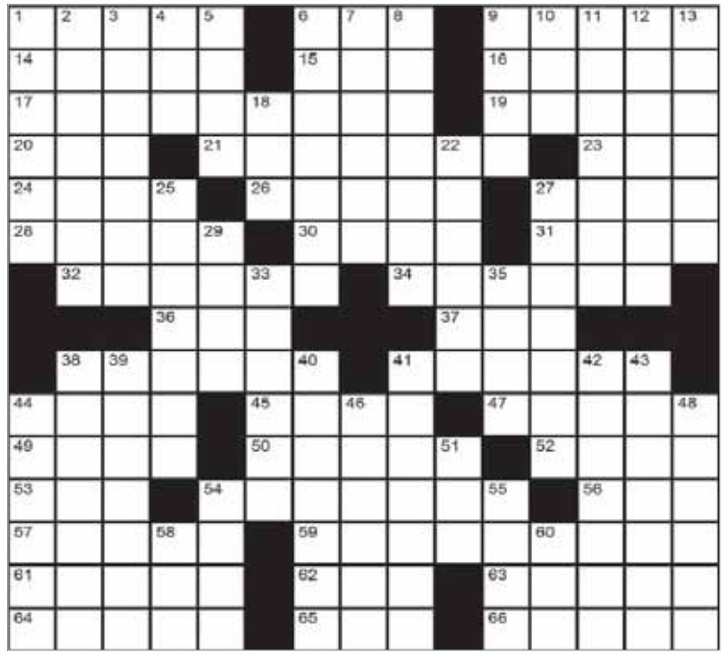
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down



**Across**
1. Pandemonium
6. Toronto's Union, e.g.
9. SOCHI 2014 - Opening/Closing Ceremonies venue, __ Olympic Stadium
14. Canadian author of the Jalna novel series, Mazo de la __ (b.1879 - d.1961)
15. Record label
16. "...the bombs bursting __...": 2 wds.
17. Montreal borough
19. Joni Mitchell's "_ __ of You"
20. US tax ID
21. SOCHI 2014 - Speed Skating race, Team __
23. Days opp.
24. "So __ __."
26. Soothsayers
27. Rivers: Spanish
28. Lettered gyms
30. Prefix with 'logical'
31. Large lot
32. Pattern
34. Like partially melted snow
36. Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
37. US politics org.
38. Knowing
41. SOCHI 2014 - Podium hauls
44. Shock
45. Karmann __ (Volkswagen of yore)
47. Margarines
49. Ms. Helgenberger
50. French artist Mr. Matisse
52. Led Zeppelin IV, aka what?
53. www address
54. French island where Napoleon was born
56. __ favor (Please, in Spanish)
57. Ambition
59. SOCHI 2014 - Cross-Country race: 2 wds.
61. Soap star Ms. Francis
62. Offs opposites
63. Ms. Clark of country
64. Outer limits
65. Expanse
66. Change hair hue again

**Down**
1. SOCHI 2014 - Canadian Men's Ice Hockey captain, Sidney __
2. Hugh Laurie series, "__ _._."
3. Behave politely: 2 wds.
4. "__, '_' is then?" ...asked the person who initially thought 'S' was the 18th letter
5. Permeate
6. Administered an oath: 2 wds.
7. Strained
8. Qualities
9. Italian car
10. "Monsters, __." (2001)
11. District of __ (Vancouver Island municipality)
12. Past
13. Braid: French
18. 12th Greek letters
22. Opera, Tristan und __
25. Savouring
27. Hip-Hop group from Vancouver
29. King
33. Enthusiastic: 2 wds.
35. Reverse
38. Headlined
39. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport
40. Lunchbox flask
41. Yahoo! CEO Ms. Mayer
42. SOCHI 2014 - One of the Mascots
43. "My apologies.": 2 wds.
44. Blur
46. So senseless
48. Military foray
51. 'Magnet' suffix
54. Third letters
55. Stars sci.
58. Try
60. Casual top

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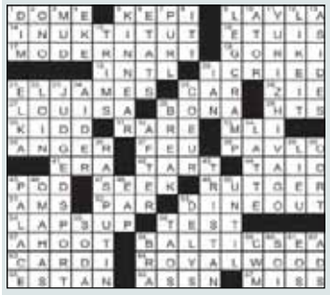
## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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## Yesterday's Sudoku

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| 9 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 5 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 |
| 1 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| 6 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 1 |

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